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PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT MESSAGES CONGRESS IN SPECIAL ATTACK ON JOSEPH PULITZER

WILL PROSECUTE FAMOUS EDITOR

SAYS PLAINLY THAT BONA-PARTE WILL TAKE ACTION

PLAYS PUBLISHER IN ANGER

CHARACTERIZES PANAMA SCANDAL IN "SHORT, UGLY" WORD

LAYS RECORDS TO CONGRESS

Everything Furnished but Names of Those to Whom Money Was Finally Paid

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—In language probably more emphatically denunciatory than was ever used before in such a document, President Roosevelt today, in a special message to congress, arraigned Joseph Pulitzer, of the New York World, in particular, and other critics of the administration in general for their recent charges with respect to the purchase of the Panama canal.

He characterizes the accusations as scurrilous, libelous and false, in every essential particular; submits documentary evidence to support his contentions; brands Mr. Pulitzer by name as a villifier of the American people and declares his purpose of bringing a governmental action for libel.

The message, in part, reads as follows:

The Message.
In view of the constant reiteration of the assertion that there was some corrupt action by, or on be-

BIGELOW DIGS AT TEDDY
MALDEN, N. Y., Dec. 15.—
"If President Roosevelt really expects to institute criminal proceedings against those who may have criticized the mismanagement and jobbery on the isthmus of Panama, he may start with me," said Poultaey Bigelow, the magazine writer, at his country home here today. "I should like nothing better," he continued, "than the whole miserable truth about the wretched conditions of affairs there would come out. I stand by every word I wrote two years ago and would be glad of a chance to prove my case in court."

half of the United States government, in connection with the acquisition of the title of the French company to the Panama canal, and of the repetition of the story that a syndicate of American citizens owned either one or both of the Panama companies, I deem it wise to submit to congress all the information I have on the subject.

"These stories were first brought to my attention as published in a paper in Indianapolis, called the News, edited by Mr. Delavan Smith. The stories were libelous in character and false in every essential particular. Mr. Smith shelters himself behind the excuse that he merely accepted the statements which had appeared in a paper published by Mr. Joseph Pulitzer.

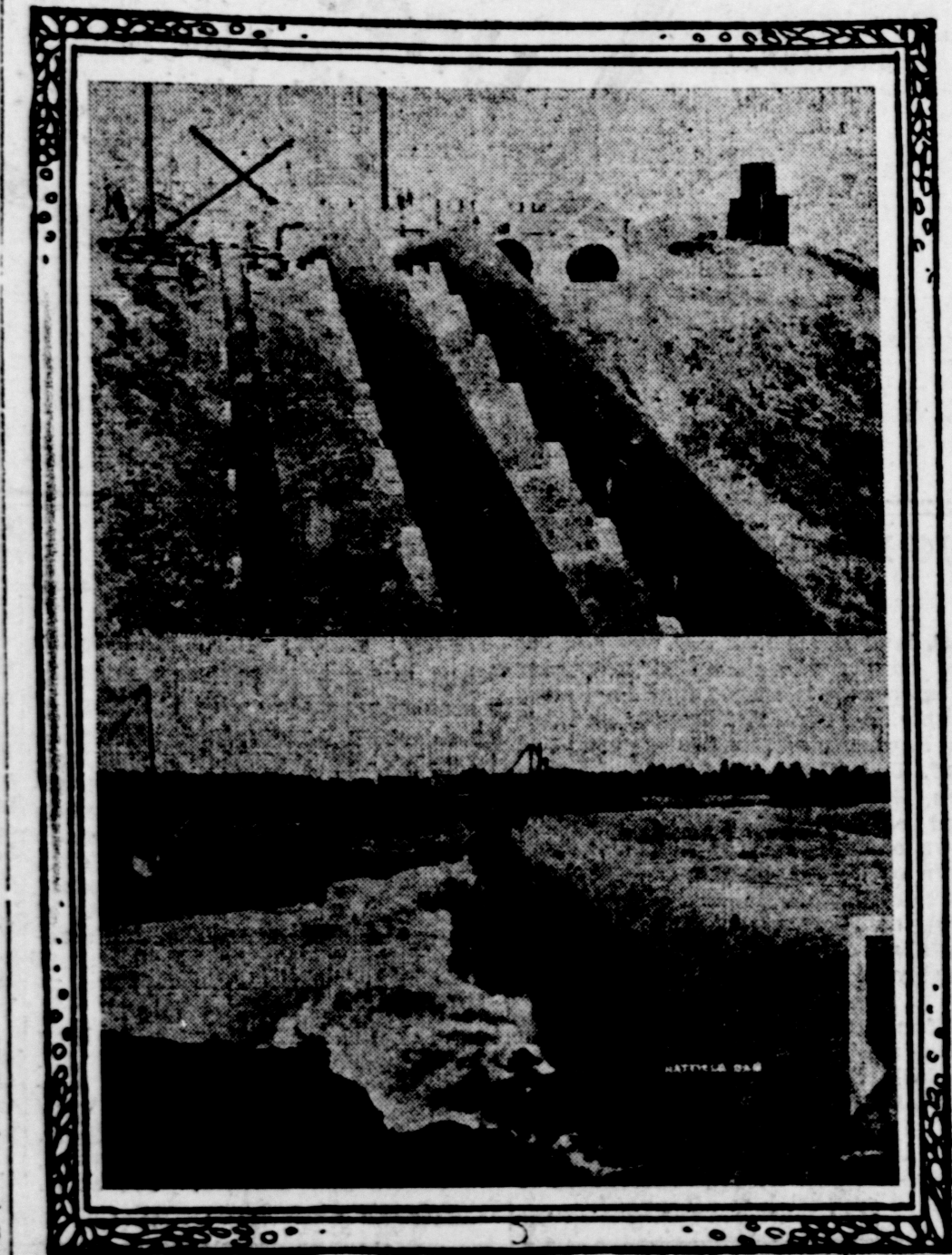
"It is idle to say that the known character of Pulitzer and his newspaper are such that the statements in that paper will be believed by nobody; unfortunately, thousands of persons are ill-informed in this respect, and believe the statements they see in print, even though they appear in a newspaper published by Mr. Pulitzer. A member of congress has actually introduced a resolution in reference to these charges. I therefore lay all the facts before you."

Revives Various Charges.

Here the president recites the various charges, including those against Charles P. Taft, brother of William H. Taft, and Douglass Robinson, the president's brother-in-law, of participation in the \$40,000,000 purchase of fund and proceeds. "These statements some time appeared in the editorials, some times in the news columns, some times in the shape of contribution from individuals, either unknown or known to be of bad character. They are false in every particular from beginning to end. The wickedness of the slanders is only surpassed by their fatuity. So utterly baseless are the stories that apparently they represent in part merely material collected for campaign purposes, and in part stories originally concocted with a view of possible blackmail. The inventor of the

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MONSTER POWER PLANT BEGINS GENERATING ITS OWN ELECTRICITY



T. JENKINS HAINS TO WRITE A STORY

WILL TELL TALE OF HIS TRIAL FOR MURDER

MRS. ANN'S STAR WITNESS

States Depends Upon Her to Convict
Hains—Hains to Go on Witness Stand

THE JURY.

FLUSHING, L. I., Dec. 15.—William J. Hill, manager of the Standard Oil Co., married, lives at Laurel Hill. Thomas Walsh, builder, single, Astoria, L. I. Harry Hecker, shipping clerk, married, three children, Woodside, L. I. Samuel H. Johnson, retired, married, Richmond Hill, L. I. John S. Denman, stable manager, widow, Melvina. Frank L. Richmond, Jr., assistant cashier brokerage firm, single, Far Rock Away. Alexander Jar-dine, plumber, Long Island City.

FLUSHING, L. I., Dec. 15.—Interest in the trial of T. Jenkins Hains for the murder of Wm. E. Annis centered today in the announcement of the defense that defendant will take the stand and the report that Mrs. Peter C. Hains has signified her willingness to appear as a witness for the prosecution in the event of the introduction by the defense of evidence derogatory to her character.

District Attorney Darrin denied the report that he had received a telegram from Mrs. Hains saying that she will come to New York and insist on being put on the stand should the defense introduce or attempt to introduce the alleged confession of misconduct with Annis. Nevertheless, the report gained general credence in the courtroom and the attorneys for the defense are making every preparation to meet and, if possible, refute her story.

Meanwhile the work of filling the jury box continues. When the weary spectators and attorneys filed out for the noon recess, but two new jurors had been added to those secured yesterday, bringing the total up to eight.

The recess of one hour was taken at 12:30.

FLUSHING, L. I., Dec. 15.—Mr. Thornton Jenkins Hains and Justice Crae this morning were the only persons who did not show the effect of the physical strain which the court enforced yesterday in the three sessions of the expediting of

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HATFIELD TESTS COMPLETED TODAY

MONSTER PLANT WORKS LIKE A CHARM THROUGHOUT

FULL LOAD BEING CARRIED

Officers Think Ready Market Will be Found for Product; Winona Milling Co. Dismantles Steam Plant

The tests of the water wheels, generators and all other apparatus of the La Crosse Water Power company at Hatfield were completed this afternoon. Since December 9th the machinery has been in continuous use and it is considered remarkable that a water wheel of 4,000 horse power capacity with 4,000 horse power dynamos directly attached to it, making a mass of several tons in weight, can be put into successful operation without alterations of any sort. Since Sunday morning the two 4,000 horse power wheels have been carrying their full rated load. The load is put upon the generators by means of large terminal plates or electrodes. These are submerged in the water and placed in the tail race at the plant. To increase the load on the generators, the plates are brought

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BISHOP MULDOON GOES TO ROCKFORD

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—Bishop Peter J. Muldoon today severed his connections as auxiliary of the arch-diocese of Chicago and left for Rockford, where he will be installed as bishop of the Rockford diocese this afternoon. At a farewell meeting at the Auditorium five good members of the Catholic laity of Chicago, and most of clergy bade him farewell. A certified check for \$37,025 was presented to him.

BIGGY'S BODY FOUND

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 15.—The body of the late chief of police, Wm. J. Biggy, was found near Goat Island today and brought to shore in a police launch. At police headquarters the body was positively identified as Biggy's. Biggy committed suicide by leaping off a police boat on the night of Nov. 30th.

KING EDWARD IS CRITICALLY ILL

ENGLISH MONARCH IN EXTREME PERIL



KING EDWARD VII
English Monarch is in Serious Condition

LONDON, Dec. 15.—From a source of unquestioned reliability it was learned today that both the royal families and physicians who are attending King Edward are deeply concerned over his condition. Nothing but reassuring notes are given to the public, but the king's health is such that the mask must soon be thrown off and the fact that a grievously ill man is upon the throne of England be recognized.

That the king himself realizes the gravity of his illness, is shown by the fact that he is rapidly unloading many of his governmental responsibilities to the shoulders of the Prince of Wales. Hitherto the prince has been merely a necessary ornament in the English scheme of government, but of late has taken up many of the tasks of his father and is consulted on all important matters. The prince has established headquarters in Buckingham palace to be close at hand whenever wanted. While not brilliant, he is said to show unexpected aptitude for his own duties. The most alarming feature of the king's illness, is the reappearance of the symptoms that preceded the operation for an abdominal trouble in 1902. He suffers much abdominal pain and has lost considerable weight. Those who have seen the king recently were struck with his pale, haggard appearance and his evident lack of strength. The least exertion causes fatigue and every sign points to the fact that the king has at last crossed the dividing line between robust old age—he is 67—and decrepitude. Owing to the king's age, it is considered improbable that he could survive another operation, similar to that he underwent shortly before his coronation. For this reason the abdominal trouble is believed to be most dangerous. Under the physicians' orders all royal engagements have been cancelled and every effort is being made to "patch him up" so that he can stand the rigors of winter. If unsuccessful in this, the king will leave shortly for a milder climate.

HOUSE WILL NOT REFORM THE RULES

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 15.—A movement in the house today started by Representative Gardner (Rep., Mass.) to reform the rules of that body and curtail the power of the speaker, was defeated by a vote of 149 to 136.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 15.—Gardner's plan to put the house on record was adroitly conceived and cleverly executed. He had, some time ago, introduced a resolution, asking the secretary of state to ascertain whether the house of commons in London appointed a committee to consider the rules of the house and report not later than February 1, 1909, on desirable changes. The resolution was referred to the house committee on foreign affairs and by that committee promptly laid on the table. In the house today Gardner moved that the resolution be taken from the committee and considered by the house.

BOYS AND GIRLS IN MIDNIGHT REVELS

MUSKOGEE, Okla., Dec. 15.—Aroused by reports of revels in the dormitory after "taps" with dainties smuggled in to the girls by admirers, President Goddard of the Spalding Female seminary decided to keep a personal watch. Last night he caught two men in the act of lowering themselves by ropes from the roof of the building into an upper window. Prexy gave chase. One boy escaped but Will Morrey was captured. Dr. Goddard turned him over to the police but he was later released.

DUTCH CAPTURE VENEZUELAN SHIP OF WAR; CASTRO ATTEMPTS A TRADE WITH GERMANY



CASTRO AND WHELMINA
Venezuelan President and Dutch Princess whose Countries are Clashing

W.-I. LEAGUE TO REMAIN THE SAME SAYS MOLL TODAY

LEAGUE HEAD CALLS UPON LOCAL OFFICIALS

W. USAU IN THE BALANCE

FEELING STRONG AGAINST THEM IN SOUTH

ROCKFORD AND FREEPORT HOT

Talk Now Rife in Those Cities of Quitting the League if Northern City Remains

"I expect that the same old teams will be in the W.-I. league next year." This is the statement of C. F. Moll, president of the Wisconsin-Illinois league today in regard to the line-up of the teams for next season. While there is some talk about substituting Appleton for Wausau and it seems well founded, according to the president, there is a small possibility of any change. The fact that Wausau is farther away than any other club and the railroad connections are poor, necessitating an off day for each team that plays there, makes a considerable difference with the other clubs, including Freeport and Rockford. That these clubs will not stay if Wausau is included, is the talk in those cities at present, but when it comes to acting the thing is entirely different.

Appleton has made every preparation for a team and Mr. Moll says that it would undoubtedly make an excellent ball town, in fact one of the best in the league. The length at which Mr. Moll dwelt on the question of Appleton showed that the matter has been thought of seriously by the heads of the league. Just how Wausau feels in regard to the matter is not known and Mr. Moll will not call on Wausau this trip, as he leaves for Milwaukee tonight.

Better in D Class.

In regard to Racine entering the league President Moll said that this would be a good town with a population of 40,000 and with Racine as an addition the league could enter the C class. When asked in regard to this he said that as far as the league went it was better off to be in class D than it would be in C. The reason for this is that the players would expect more salaries and the present clubs could not afford to pay higher salaries. There are no chances of a ten-club circuit, he said.

The salary limit will be lived up to the coming year," said Mr. Moll, "and while it will reduce the class of ball played it will help to put the league on a sounder financial basis. It will also make the teams more evenly matched."

In regard to the meeting of the clubs in January Mr. Moll said he had no idea of what would be brought up.

TWO PLAYERS ARE SIGNED FOR TEAM

President Henry Rooney of the local league baseball association said today that he has signed two new players for the coming season, Ray C. Crandall, first baseman, and Ike Keppel, outfielder. Keppel, who comes from St. Louis, is a brother of the Keppel who played left field for La Crosse during part of last season. He comes well recommended as a strong batter. Crandall is an amateur who played first base with the Navy champions last year. In a total of 86 games he batted .378 and fielded .992.

INVESTIGATION TO BE FORCED FROM THE WATERLOO END

LETTER TODAY SAYS OFFICIALS THERE DEMAND A PROBE

HINT WEBER "BLUFFED"

INTIMATE LA CROSSE DEPARTMENT WILL SUFFER

SUIT THREATS ARE REPEATED

Waterloo Official Writes Attorneys for Harry Rogers of Facts and Allegations in Controversy

An official, writing Attorneys Morris & Hartwell of this city, who appeared for Harry Rogers, alleged silk thief, in the recent controversy which resulted in the row between La Crosse and Waterloo police, declares if no investigation is started here Waterloo authorities will see to it the facts are probed by over-nor Garst.

The letter says:
"Regarding the proposed investigation will state that unless your district attorney and Weber and Burns take action on this matter the department here certainly will. The procedure has not been decided upon but the department will probably ask Governor Garst to make an investigation of the whole transaction including the truth of the evidence which was presented as grounds for honoring the requisition. The facts in the case in brief are that Chief Leighton communicated with Winona and was advised if he did not hear from them by 3 o'clock that afternoon he could turn Rogers loose as far as Winona was concerned. Shortly afterwards a message was received from La Crosse and Chief of Police Weber came to Waterloo that night and said that Burns was on his way to get requisition papers. Mr. Birdsall, who was acting with you in this matter, asked for and obtained a continuance of the case until Saturday afternoon. On Thursday he met Sheriff Burns, who had arrived during the night and also for the first time met Weber. Mr. Burns seemed to think that if your associate could be induced to withdraw his appearance the department here would turn these people over to him. Mr. Birdsall informed your sheriff that he would have to be satisfied that the requisition papers were in proper form and that he had undoubted right to take these defendants before he. Birdsall would consent to anything, and not then until he had consulted with the prisoners.

Write is Issued

"Mr. Birdsall expected that there might be an attempt to get the defendants out of town on the 2 o'clock train and so went to Judge Kettford and had an understanding that the charge of vagrancy should not be dismissed unless your associate was notified and given a chance to be present. A petition for a writ of habeas corpus was gotten out according to your directions over the telephone. Judge Kettford intimated that Burns and Weber were anxious to know just when they could get away so your associate arranged with the city attorney to take up the case Friday morning at 9 o'clock. Mr. Birdsall then asked Chief Leighton in the presence of Mr. Burns, if he intended to release the defendants and turn them over to Burns and Weber and he said, 'I guess I'll have to.'

Asked for Transcript

'Mr. Burns allowed Mr. Birdsall to examine the papers and Mr. Web-

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GUARD SHIP "MAYO" STRIKES ITS FLAG

PRIZE CREW LEAVES IN CAPTURED GUNBOAT

CASTRO PLANS GREAT COUP

OFFERS GERMANY COMMERCIAL CONTROL OF STATE

PROTECTION IS PRICE SOUGHT

Kaiser Can Dominate Trade if He Will Tell the Dutch to Keep Hands Off

WILLEMSTADT, Dec. 15.—The harbor front presented a scene of wild enthusiasm today when the Dutch battleship Jacob Van Heemskerck steamed in towing the Venezuelan coast guard boat 23 de Mayo. News of the capture already had arrived here and a crowd lined the quays.

The Venezuelan gunboat was captured on December 13, a little north of Cumana on the Gulf of Curacao. The crew was sent ashore in the vessel's small boats. A prize crew was placed aboard the captive and she was brought in today with the flag of the Netherlands at her peak and the Venezuelan colors astern. While classed as a coast guard vessel the 23 de Mayo is a unit of Venezuela's miniature navy. She is of only 130 tons and carries one machine gun.

Seek Other Prizes.
The cruisers Gelderland and Friesland are now scouting along the Venezuelan coast, each supplied with a pilot who knows the probable hiding places of the Venezuelan ships. It is probable that the Dutch commanders will take greater liberties in the Venezuelan shore batteries in the future for the impression prevails that they are ineffective. It is said that even the guns at the San Carlos fortress are out of commission and that absolutely no defense can be offered by any of the coast artillery.

Revolt to Aid.
THE HAGUE, Dec. 15.—Holland hopes to accomplish the overthrow of President Castro of Venezuela through the medium of an uprising of his own people.

This was the unofficial announcement today of a Dutch diplomat who has been playing a leading part in the Venezuelan embroglio.

Meager reports received today from Curacao say that revolts against Castro were already breaking out and that they bid fair to sweep the country.

Castro Has a Coup.

BERLIN, Dec. 15.—President Castro of Venezuela has come to Germany in the hope of arranging a diplomatic alliance, whereby Germany will support Venezuela in her numerous international entanglements in return for such valuable concessions in Venezuela that Germany would easily become the dominating influence in that country's commerce. That Castro will lay these proposals definitely before the German foreign office was admitted today by a member of the foreign office.

Plan May Win.

Whether Germany will go as far as Venezuela desires in this matter is doubted, but from the cordiality of (Continued on page 6.)

WEATHER FORECAST



Forecasts today:
Wisconsin—Fair tonight and Wednesday; cooler east portion tonight. Minnesota—Fair tonight and Wednesday. Iowa—Fair tonight and Wednesday.

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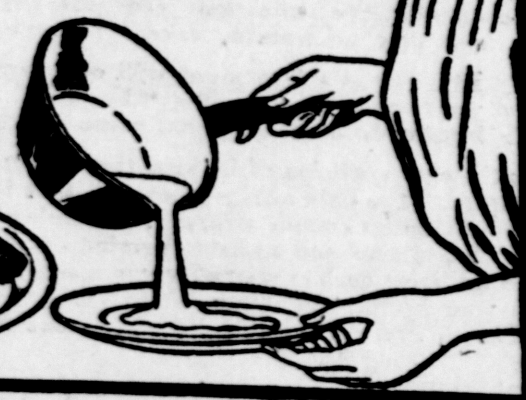
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3-Tue	8-Wed	7,585
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5-Thurs	10-Fri	7,520
6-Fri	11-Sat	7,515
7-Sat	12-Sunday	7,525
8-Sunday	13-Mon	7,525
9-Mon	14-Tue	7,510
10-Tue	15-Wed	7,518
11-Wed	16-Thurs	7,520
12-Thurs	17-Fri	7,510
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FRANK H. BURGESS.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this thirty-first day of November, 1908.

A. E. BLECKMAN, Notary Public

PRESIDENTS DON'T GRAFT

We have no sympathy with the journalism that attempts to couple the name of a president of the United States with a colossal graft. We do not believe that any man big enough to attain that position could be weak enough to find temptation in the profits of the most magnificent of illicit enterprises even though such transaction were merely "shady," not actually illegal. We believe the greatest ambition of our presidents has been to leave records that were unimpeachable, to have careers that afford monuments to the names they bear.

This does not mean that we regard presidents as infallible (although President Roosevelt may disagree with us). President Roosevelt has made mistakes, great though his beneficial achievements have been, but when we consider how prone to error are the impetuous, he has done well, very well.

If there is anything in the Panama deal that was reprehensible, in which the president had a part, we believe he was "buncoed." We can find nothing in his defense that precludes the possibility of others having "turned a trick" through connivance with French officials and

agents, but to Theodore Roosevelt, the most efficient foe of graft this country has ever honored with high office, we impute neither knowledge nor participation. If the whole affair is a dishonest fabrication, without color of fact, we hope the president may find some suitable way of proving it and punishing his traducers. These great newspapers are morally obligated to great care as to the accuracy of what they publish, for the things they print are regarded as credible and usually are given wide circulation through the press agencies.

TWO VIEWS.

Francis E. McGovern wants a legislative investigation of the recent senatorial primary.

McGovern doesn't want one because he suspects the other candidates of improper conduct, so far as his public announcement goes; he wants an investigation to refute certain assertions that have been made about himself. He thinks that such comment as that indulged in to the effect that for him to have spent \$11,000 to secure the nomination was more stupendous—in proportion—than for Mr. Stephenson to spend \$200,000, requires an answer from him. He feels that he should be given an opportunity to show the falsity of the insinuation that he entered the race under an understanding with Stephenson, to cut up the progressive vote and make Stephenson's nomination a certainty. He puts it this way:

"There is talk of a legislative investigation of the financial features of the senatorial campaign. Such an investigation would permit me to meet and refute these contemptible insinuations, and for one I most heartily welcome it."

Mr. McGovern is right, and his stand is one that will invite respect and tend to discredit the charges, or rather insinuations, made against him.

How inspiring it would be were "Uncle Ike" to file his campaign expenses now, before the legislative ratification of his nomination, and second the plea of Mr. McGovern for a chance to prove the honesty of his campaign in a public legislative investigation! "They that dwell in darkness"—but what's the use!

There is little real logic in honest congressmen resenting surveillance by the secret service. It injures no honest man to be watched, and history is replete with proofs that into every body of men, no matter how august, some bad people work their way, not excepting the congress of the United States. The government has not only a right, but a function, to protect the public against grafts and slysters in its greatest legislative assembly, for where is there a more inviting field for the trickster?

The president is getting around in the Brownsville affair to where he should have started about two years ago.

WOMEN SUPPORT THE FAMILY

(Collier's.)

For centuries woman has been, with comparatively few exceptions, a plaything or a drudge; or cursed in pleasure and idleness, or cursed with a burden few men can conceive. A system that places upon a woman's shoulders three-quarters of the burden is inevitably degrading. A man receives credit for supporting his family, even when the wife, by working early and late, contrives to turn his earnings into a value treble that of the original amount. The difference in the value of a barrel of flour as it is purchased and after it has been made into bread has been reckoned many times—but "the man," and not the woman's work the family." Nor is a woman's work done when an income has been stretched to its limit. If a money value could be placed upon her work as mother and wife—not that it one wishes to do such a thing—it would indeed be the heaviest part of the load. That such a condition should carry with it its antithesis in the woman who is a drone and a rattle-brain is but natural.

Read Tribune wants.

SHIPS AND CRANKS AND MASTERS TALK

Speaking of the Westcott
The owner of a dry goods store heard a new clerk say to a customer: "No, madam, we have not had any for a long time."
With a fierce glance at the clerk, the smart employer rushed up to the woman and said:
"We have plenty of everything in reserve, madam; plenty upstairs."
The customer and the clerk looked at each other, the proprietor, seeing that something was wrong, said to the customer:
"Excuse me, what did you ask for?"
The woman simply replied: "Why, I said to your clerk that we hadn't any rain lately."—Philadelphia Ledger.

A Lost Bit
An Irish waiter, named Kenny, was noted for his wit and ready answers. A party of gentlemen, who were staying at the hotel, heard of Kenny's wit, and one of them made a bet that he would say something Kenny wouldn't answer at once.
A bottle of champagne was ordered; the one who had made the bet took hold of the bottle and commenced to open it. The cork came out with a "bang" and flew into Kenny's mouth.
"Ah," he said, "that is not the way to Cork."
Kenny took the cork out of his mouth and replied, "No, but it's the way to 'Kil-Kenny'."—TR-Bits.

The Dark Side
Ted—Why do you think it would be a terrible thing if women went in to politics?
Ned—Look at the kind of cigars they would hand out to the voters.—New York Herald.

A Good Hunt Rewarded
An old man in Atchison writes to the Atchison Globe: "In 1865 I knew a Methodist preacher who would announce his text in this manner: 'You will find my text in the eighth chapter of Isaiah, ninth verse. If you don't find it, then you will find it somewhere, if you hunt the book through from Genesis to Revelation. And if you don't find it then you will have found a great many things which will do you a power of good.'"

He Knew His Audience
A celebrated Scotch lawyer had to address the Caledonian equivalent of our supreme court. His "pleading" occupied an entire day. After seven hours of almost continuous oratory he went home to supper and was asked to conduct family worship. As he was exhausted his devotions were brief.
"I am ashamed of ye," said the old mother. "To think ye could talk for seven hours up at the court and dismiss your Maker in seven minutes."
"Aye, vera true," was the reply. "but ye main mind that the Lord linae sae dull in the uptak as the judge-bodies."—Philadelphia Ledger.

Conscientious Bill.
"Bill had charge of the animal tent," said the old circus man, "and among his pets was a leopard, the only one we had with the show, and quite enough, too. This leopard gave Bill more trouble than all the rest of the menagerie put together. It was certainly an ugly brute."
"Well, one day when we were showing in Dayton, O., I had gone on to Columbus to arrange about some advance business. I was eating my dinner in the hotel when a telegram was handed to me. It was from Bill, and read: 'The leopard has escaped. Prowling about town. What shall I do?'"
"That was just like Bill. He had to have explicit directions, even in an emergency like this. He didn't want to make a mistake."
"I immediately wired back to Bill: 'Shoot him on the spot.' I didn't think any more about it until a couple of hours later, when I received another telegram from conscientious, careful Bill, asking, 'Which spot?'"—New York Herald.

Turn About.
J. Barton King, the famous Philadelphia cricketer, at dinner at the Bellevue-Stratford described the manners and customs of the English as he had observed them during his cricketing tour.

"The English lodging house," said Mr. King, "is not of much account. I have a friend, an Oxford man, who tried lodgings, then took a flat. In lodgings, it seems, the landlady gouges you frightfully."
"My friend told me how he once rebuked his landlady. She came in to him with his spirit case."
"Whisky all gone, sir," she said. "Shall I get you another bottle?"
"Yes, I wish you would," said he. "It's your turn."—Washington Star.

BY SISTERS OF HOLY CROSS.
"We cheerfully recommend Father John's Medicine as a good remedy for bronchial troubles and as a tonic and body builder for those who are weak and run down. Several persons of our institution have used it with beneficial results. (Signed) Sisters of Holy Cross, 44 Chandler St., Nashua, N. H."

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SPOTLIGHTS

At the Bijou.
The program at the Bijou this week is replete with good things and in some respects the best in point of excellence. The oddity of opening with moving pictures followed immediately with the illustrated song gave an uninterrupted scope to the high class olio which followed. Two immense crowds attended both performances.

Chevalier Albert T. L. Guille, late of Adeline Patti's grand organization put the audience in close touch with Metropolitan opera in his choice operatic selections. The Chevalier has a robust lyric tenor of high range and pure quality which was displayed to good advantage by his rendering in Italian "For All Eternity," by A. Marscheroni; in English "Marguerite," by White; in Italian, "Funiculi Funiculo," by Denza, and in French "The Palms," by Faure. M. Guille's reception left nothing to be desired and would have kept on singing all night had he gratified the appreciative audience. He had to take several curtains and many encores. Mr. Guille sang at Queen Victoria's jubilee in 1887 and was decorated by the queen.

Fat and Hattie Coley have an original comedy sketch that is a laugh producer. They have special scenery representing the interior of a penny arcade. Miss Coley does clever character changes and dances very well and makes a good dutch girl. Fat, who by the way is as lean as Jack Spratt is a good eccentric comedian and possesses a very good voice which seems several sizes too large for his body. They scored very nicely.

Big Dan Roby received an ovation on his appearance. The man who makes a noise like a trombone has many friends in La Crosse but he does not depend upon them to make good. Roby delivers his monologue and coon songs in a style peculiarly



DAN ROBY
As His Mother Knows Him, at the Bijou this Week.

his own. As a headliner he easily monopolized the laugh of the show. His best songs were probably "Somebody Lied" and "Broke," while his trombone imitation drew on the audience for unreserved laughs and applause which carried him to a splendid finish. Dan tried to get away several times but the crowd compelled him to respond. In this case there was no psychological moment. The curtain was the only thing that saved Dan from working overtime. He was an immense hit.

The Sados, European novelty jugglers, consisting of father, daughter and son, have an act that stands apart from others and stands by itself. The strength of the act lies rather in the smoothness and skill with which the feats are handled. The dexterity of the son, who is the principal juggler, in the catching and balancing of objects on his forehead is something wonderful. Miss Sados, who is a decidedly pretty girl, plays the violin very sweetly and wears beautiful gowns. The stage setting is unique and beautiful. The finish is a thriller. The principal balances on his forehead a huge sideboard loaded with things which on the report of a revolver becomes illuminated with beautiful electrical effects. They scored very heavily.

The bill at the Bijou this week should do some business for Manager Koppelerberger.

Mrs. Howard—And you really mean to tell me that a clairvoyant foretold your late husband's death?
Mrs. Coward—Yes, indeed. She said there were brighter days in store for me.—New York Herald.

THE FORBIDDEN ROAD
BY MARY ALBANE
(Copyrighted 1908.)

"There is no mistake, we are in for a fog," she said jerkily, and she slipped her hand as she spoke back into the warmth of her big sable muff. It was not the first time that this man had unconsciously repulsed her; there were times indeed, when, in her irritation, she called him a prig. But she misjudged him; Rupert Haverford was not a prig, he was only a very straightforward, practical, in a sense, simple-minded man, who, like an explorer, was advancing step by step into an unknown world, meeting and mingling every day with elements which were not only new to him, but which belonged to a range of things about which he had never had occasion to think hitherto. Camilla herself was prominent amongst these new sensations; she was at once a bewildering and a fascination. There had been no woman of this class in his life up to a couple of years before; indeed, women of any kind had played but a nominal part in the busy, uneventful, and certainly unpicturesque existence which had been his lot since early boyhood.

Mrs. Lancing, of course, knew briefly the outlines of story of this working man and his sudden and unexpected accession to wealth, and recognized clearly enough that Haverford was as far removed in thought and social education from the various men who fluttered in and out of her life as the sun is from the earth; but she had little discrimination. With her it was never a question of character or quality; fundamentally she decreed all men were alike, strong in prejudice, weak in temptation, selfish, and even tyrannical; vain and sentimental, uncomfortably moral at times, but amazingly loyal, and, as a rule, sensitively moved by the potent charm of a woman of her temperament and attractions.

She liked men very much, she had many men friends, and few women friends, although the spontaneous effervescence of sympathy, which was perhaps her most marked characteristic, made her very attractive to women, and accounted for her wide popularity; there was something so disarming, so delightful about Camilla Lancing. Beauty alone would never have given her a quarter the power she possessed; it was her ready interest (absolutely genuine for the moment), her quickness in associating herself with those things which were paramount with the persons who approached her, that made her irresistible to all sorts and kinds of people.

She had the tact of a delicately fashioned nature, and a vast amount of endurance.

But she was neither reasonable nor patient, and the more she saw of Rupert Haverford, the more necessary he became to her, the less patience she had with him.

He puzzled her; he plighted her; he annoyed her; he made her nervous.

What were his feelings towards herself?

"He is so horribly slow," she mused now fretfully "he ponders every word he says. I suppose he is terribly afraid of making a mistake. I am sure his money oppresses him. He must have been ever so much nicer when he was working as a foreman, or drayman, or whatever he was before all this money came to him."

She kept her eyes turned resolutely away from Haverford. For perversely enough, though he was so slow, so silent, so dull, he was exceedingly good to look at. Old-fashioned, or rather out of the fashion, he might be, but his manners were irreproachable, and his speech cultured, and he dressed very well. It came to Camilla as an inspiration, as the car moved on cautiously through the cold white fog, that he was only shy and perhaps stupid.

Rupert Haverford had certainly a good amount of diffidence in his disposition, but at the present moment it was the most exquisite, and the most real sense of hospitality which tinged every of his protective courtesy with restraint.

When their hostess had deserted the motor after luncheon, and had insisted in making her way homeward in a hired carriage, Haverford had been delighted because Mrs. Lancing had elected to return with him. But this very fact—the fact that this woman, who had been charming herself into his inmost thought of late, was alone with him, charged him with a sense of responsibility against even a suggestion of the delicious intimacy with which the situation could so easily have been fraught.

"The fog is lifting," he said, after a little while; "if we can only get off this road and turn inland, we shall drive out of it altogether."

Mrs. Lancing had her muff in front of her face; the fog made everything damp; her veil was clinging to her face uncomfortably. "We are going downhill now," she said, indistinctly.

Haverford was really a little anxious; they were certainly on a downward grade, and the progress was not pleasant; the road appeared to be rougher than it had been.

He sat forward, trying to scan what lay around and ahead, but the white gloom baffled him.

And then all at once the machine grated sharply; they shook in their seats, and Mrs. Lancing gave a little exclamation of alarm; then the car stood still, and the chauffeur got out hastily.

"We're done for now, sir," he

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GOOD WILL TO MEN

1. 3,000,000 of those now living in the United States will probably die of Tuberculosis.
2. 160,000 die of this disease in the United States every year while 700,000 are invalided annually, by it.
3. This represents an economic loss of \$1,100,000,000 per year, in the United States, while the distress and misery are incalculable.
4. Over 2,500 die annually of Tuberculosis in Wisconsin.
5. It is as safe to live with a tuberculous person, if intelligent care and supervision are exercised.
6. It is a preventable disease.
7. It is a curable disease.
8. The Wisconsin Anti-Tuberculosis Association wants to sell 2,000,000 Red Cross Stamps before Jan. 1st, 1909.
9. This means nearly \$20,000 for the campaign against tuberculosis.
10. It means 2,000,000 thoughts against the white plague.
11. If you are with us, then buy some Stamps, put them on your Christmas packages.
Boost for the Stamps and help stamp out The "White Plague."
LA CROSSE CO. MED. SOC'Y.

IMPORTANT COURT DECISIONS

CONNIVANCE AT WIFE'S ADULTERY. Complainant who sought a ground for divorce against his wife employed a detective agency to secure evidence. Thereupon it sent one of its employees, a woman, to complainant's house, who engaged board there. Having been there a few days, she invited defendant to accompany her to New York. There they met two men provided by the agency, who accompanied them to the matinee, to a wine room and finally to a hotel in Hoboken. Other members of the agency, having watched them, forced the door and found defendant in bed with one of the men. The court of chancery of New Jersey in Rademacher vs. Rademacher, 70 Atlantic Reporter, 687, held that while this outrageous performance was not authorized by complainant himself, it was conducted in his interest by his agent, and he was not in a position to take advantage of a position brought about by his agent's acts.

PLAYING HORSE
(Springfield, Mass., Republican.)
In fact there is not a little suspicion that a radical revision of the tariff will be adopted by the house on the tacit understanding between Senator Aldrich and Speaker Cannon that in the senate it will be doctored into a form better calculated to suit the stand patters.

Up-to-Date Pedagogy
First scholar—What's the 'lectrician doin' over at the school house.
Second Scholar—Puttin' in a 'lectric switch.
First Scholar—Gee mully! If they's goin' ter do the lickin' by 'lectricity, I quit.—Judge.

(To be Continued)

REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE

BATAVIAN NATIONAL BANK

Located at La Crosse, State of Wisconsin, at the Close of Business on the 27th Day of November, 1908.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts	\$2,001,355.63
Overdrafts	1,662.42
U. S. bonds	400,000.00
Other bonds	192,102.42
Banking house and fixtures	60,000.00
5 per cent redemption fund	20,000.00
Cash	234,732.68
Due from banks	608,424.24
	\$3,518,277.39

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock	\$400,000.00
Surplus	100,000.00
Undivided profits	40,649.03
National Bank notes outstanding	395,000.00
Deposits	2,579,419.23
Certified checks	50.00
Dividends unpaid	50.00
Reserved for taxes	3,109.13
	\$3,518,277.39

THE COMPLETE NEWS OF THE NORTH SIDE TODAY

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it may save your life. Cathartics, bird shot and cannon ball pills—tea spoon doses of cathartic medicines all depend on irritation of the bowels until they sweat enough to move. *Cascarets* strengthen the bowel muscles so they creep and crawl naturally. This means a cure and only through *Cascarets* can you get it quickly and naturally.

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HAVE you seen our beautiful floral window? And did you notice the pretty little Xmas novelties we've scattered among the flowers?

Well, we've hundreds more of just such holiday gifts inside the store—little articles of the sort that appeal to clever people, out-of-the-ordinary gifts, which although exceedingly novel are also exceedingly reasonable.

Among them are some perfumes from California in fancy boxes—

Paul Rieger's
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So come in when convenient for you'll find many a suggestion and solve many a Xmas problem.

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JAMS A NEEDLE
INTO HIS THUMB

Val. Pfister met with a painful accident yesterday. He was working on a piece of harness when the needle slipped and was plunged nearly through the thumb. Mr. Pfister removed it himself and hurried to a physician, where the wound was dressed.

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FORESTERS OF NORTH
SIDE INSTALL

The Independent Order of Foresters held an installation of officers in the Woodman hall, corner of Rose and St. James street.

The installed officers are:
Chief ranger—C. A. Hawkins.
Past chief ranger—J. H. Schneller.

Vice chief ranger—P. A. Peterson.
Recording secretary—C. W. Simcocks.

Financial secretary—George B. Marvin, Jr.
Treasurer—George B. Marvin, Jr.

Orator—E. A. Covey.
Senior woodward—Carl Stein.

Junior woodward—E. Grieschner.
Senior beadle—J. P. Groeschner.

Junior beadle—J. C. Stein.
Auditor—S. L. Burdick.

Court deputy—J. H. Schneller.

After the installation a supper was served and the remainder of the evening was spent in cards and dancing.

A PERSONAL APPEAL

If we could talk to you personally about the great merit of Foley's Honey and Tar, for coughs, colds and lung trouble, you never could be induced to experiment with unknown preparations that may contain some harmful drugs. Foley's Honey and Tar costs you no more and has a record of forty years of cures. O. T. Erhart.

WOMEN OF C. O. F.
CHOOSE LEADERS

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Catholic Order of Foresters elected officers last evening:

Chief Ranger—Mrs. Anna Mann.
Vice ranger—Mrs. George Young.

Recording secretary—Mrs. Pauline Blair.
Financial secretary—Mrs. Mary C. Bamberger.

Treasurer—Mrs. Margaret Wolf.
Trustees—Mrs. Mary Planigan,
Mrs. Margaret McCauley, Mrs. Sybella Schiffer.

Medical examiner—Dr. G. H. Egan.
Chaplain—Rev. Ambrose Murphy.

'SQUARE DEAL' OPENS
LECTURE COURSE

The Y. M. C. A. entertainment course opens Friday evening with a lecture by Dr. F. G. Smith of Chicago. Mr. Smith, who has been heard and appreciated in this city before, will give his interpretation of "The Square Deal," and it promises to be educational as well as interesting.

HAS NO WORD OF
HER FATHER'S FATE

Mrs. James Peterson of 1317 Avon street has heard nothing in regard to the disappearance of her father, Mrs. Peterson's father, Anton Rosenberg, was supposed to have fallen overboard from the Oceanic.

More people are taking Foley's Kidney Remedy every year. It is considered to be the most effective remedy for kidney and bladder troubles that medical science can devise. Foley's Kidney Remedy corrects irregularities, builds up worn out tissues and restores lost vitality. It will make you feel well and look well. O. T. Erhart.

NORTHSIDE IN BRIEF

The Good Samaritans will meet Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. K. Kenyon of 1326 Avon street. They are making preparations for Christmas baskets for the poor.

Dr. T. H. McGovern, who was in the dental parlors formerly owned by Dr. M. Page, has opened a new office at 811 Rose street.

The St. Peter Episcopal guild will be entertained Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. J. F. Shaddock of Kane street.

Mrs. E. Wagner of 1820 Kane street was called to Burlington, Ia., by the sudden illness of her sister, who is not expected to live.

Mrs. R. Rassess of Kane street is confined to her home by la grippe.
Mr. Charles Middleton of Coon Valley is visiting at the home of his sister, Mrs. Peter Lanmore, of Gillette street.

Mr. Peter Haskin of Wood street is confined to his home with blood poison in his foot.

Mrs. E. W. Emery has returned from a week's visit with friends and relatives in Houston, Minn.

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HATFIELD TESTS
COMPLETED TODAY

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closer together and in this manner an artificial load equaling the capacity of the wheels is produced.

Dismantle Steam Plant

The Bay State Milling company at Winona, shut down their steam plant Saturday and are dismantling it today. A large force of electricians are installing 20 motors, which will produce 1,000 horse power. These are to take the place of the 1,200 horse power steam engine formerly used to create the driving power for the machinery. The motors will give the better power, the difference of 206 horse power being eliminated in the friction losses on belts and line shafts, necessary to create steam power.

It is expected that the installation of these motors will be complete in about ten days, at which time the La Crosse Water Power company has agreed to furnish all current from the Hatfield plant.

Large Contracts Taken

The officers realized that in order to make high tension transmission profitable, large blocks of power must be sold to railway companies, manufacturers and wholesalers in electricity. With this point in view control of the Winona Railway and Light company has been secured, almost its entire business has been taken over by the new concern and large contracts in La Crosse have also been taken. Thus much of the current generated is provided for and the success of the company is

said to be a certainty. By coming into the possession of steam plants near the main line the company is insured against a break down. Cut-off stations will be provided at Marshland so that in case of a break down on the transmission line or at the power house, the steam plants at Winona and La Crosse will provide the power at their respective localities. In case the demand becomes too great in La Crosse. This, together with the transmission line will be thrown on the main line to help out. In order to quickly provide for such exigencies, bank fires are kept in boilers at all substations, enabling them to furnish power at a half hour's notice. About 2,000 kilowatts will be delivered in Winona and about 2,400 ten per cent drop on the line and the ten per cent drop on the line and the amount used along the line, is nearly equal to the entire current generated at the plant.

Cost is \$1,500,000

The cost of the entire hydro-electric plant is about one and a half million dollars. The work begun in the spring of 1907 by J. G. White Co. of New York, with Geo. G. Shield as resident engineer, is now almost completed. The La Crosse Water Power company has been managed and financed by W. J. Ferris.

DARING FOOTPAD AMUCK

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Dec. 15.—After holding up a number of prominent citizens and robbing them and finally making police officers hold up their hands and after shooting one of them, Evans Jones, Earl Addison, a stranger, was taken early this

morning by Sheriff Werner and Deputy Long. Addison worked on the outskirts of the business section in streets through which the most prominent business men had to pass going home.

SUNDAY SCHOOL
WORKERS ELECT

The Caledonia Methodist Sunday School Workers' conference was held at the home of Mrs. A. A. Gibson of 1122 Charles street and elected:

Superintendent—Mr. E. B. Staats.
Assistant superintendent—Hazel Block.
Secretary—Bert Marshall.
Assistant secretary—Elta Nesler.

Treasurer—O. Evenson.
Supervisor—Mr. L. Barron.
Pianist—Lucinda Morning.

REV. LOWE TO
GIVE ADDRESS

The board of directors of the Humane society meets at the city hall this evening, to discuss the work of the society in the past month. Rev. Lowe, who has attended the meeting of the Chicago Humane society, will give his report of the charity work done in that city.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR
ELECT OFFICERS

The La Crosse Commandery of Knight Templars held annual election of officers last evening and elected:

WELCOME WORDS TO WOMEN

Women who suffer with disorders peculiar to their sex should write to Dr. Pierce and receive free the advice of a physician of over 40 years' experience—a skilled and successful specialist in the diseases of women. Every letter of this sort has the most careful consideration and is regarded as sacredly confidential. Many sensitively modest women write fully to Dr. Pierce what they would shrink from telling to their local physician. The local physician is pretty sure to say that he cannot do anything without "an examination." Dr. Pierce holds that these distasteful examinations are generally needless, and that no woman, except in rare cases, should submit to them.

Dr. Pierce's treatment will cure you right in the privacy of your own home. His "Favorite Prescription" has cured hundreds of thousands, some of them the worst of cases.

It is the only medicine of its kind that is the product of a regularly graduated physician. The only one good enough that its makers dare to print its every ingredient on its outside wrapper. There's no secrecy. It will best examination. No alcohol and no habit-forming drugs are found in it. Some unscrupulous medicine dealers may offer you a substitute. Don't take it. Don't take with your health. Write to World's Dispensary Medical Association, Dr. R. V. Pierce, President, Buffalo, N. Y.,—take the advice received and be well.

BONDING BIDS
ARE UNSATISFACTORY

Bids for the bonding of the county officers were opened at a meeting of the ways and means committee of the county board this morning, but were found to be unsatisfactory. The matter was held over until December 29, the date of the regular meeting of the board.

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WOODMEN TO HOLD PUBLIC INSTALLATION

The Woodmen of the World will have a public installation of officers the first Thursday in January. Big preparations will be made for the event which will undoubtedly be one of the affairs of the season. The lodge will also give a big dance Dec. 26 in the Woodman hall.

SPEND DAY AT VICTORY HUNTING

Attorney Frank Withrow, Harvey Herken and G. A. Keppler left on the noon Burlington for Victory where they will spend a day hunting. During their stay, they will be at the latter's cottage.

Particular
People
Demand
POSTUM
When Coffee disagrees.
"There's a Reason."

PERSONALS

FORD—The Car of Quality.
Albert Burke, switchboard superintendent at the La Crosse telephone company, has gone to Minneapolis to attend the electrical show being held there. He was accompanied by John Christie of the La Crosse and Interurban company.

Wet feet kills more people than war. Ask your dealers for La Crosse rubbers, they don't leak.
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Huber have sold to Otto Bosshard and R. M. Jones, property valued at \$4,100.
See our hammered brass and copper ware. Hellfach, jeweler.

W. Roakman of Coon Valley is in the city on business.
All pine slabs at \$5.00 per cord at the Arctic Ice & Fuel Co. Both phones, 231.

Mr. C. Davis of Gryand Rapids is a business caller in the city.
Insist on having the genuine 1847 Rogers silverware, sold by Hellfach, jeweler.

Messrs. William and L. Favor of Viroqua are business callers in La Crosse.

16 inch edgings for kindling, \$5.00 per cord at the Arctic Ice & Fuel Co. Both phones, 231.

Mr. J. Carrigan of Norwalk is calling on old La Crosse friends.

Mr. C. Davis of Grand Rapids is a business caller in the city.
Madam Gowango, celebrated palmist, tells past, present and future. Gives advice on all affairs of life. Call and consult her. Hours from 9 a. m. to 9 p. m., 130 N. 6th St.

T. A. Carls is a business caller in the city today.

S. E. Allerton has just returned from a business trip to Chicago.

Dr. Will Powell, diseases of women. District Superintendent Rev. B. C. Brandenburg will preach at the German Methodist church tomorrow evening.

C. H. Marshall addressed the meeting of the City Mission Sunday evening, his subject being "Confession."

Who cares for storms, when wearing La Crosse rubbers. It is a satisfaction to wear La Crosse rubbers. They fit.

James Hill of Minneapolis, former assistant city engineer, spent Sunday in La Crosse. He is going to Oklahoma to take charge of large contracts.

Buy a Thermo Bottle for gift for friend. Sold by Hellfach, jeweler, 222 Main.

William MacEldowney of West Salem is in La Crosse today on business.

Foley's Orino Laxative cures chronic constipation and stimulates the liver. Orino regulates the bowels so they will act naturally and you do not have to take purgatives continuously. O. T. Erhart.

R. W. Davis of Bangor, is in La Crosse to attend the meeting of the ways and means committee of the county board to be held at 11 o'clock this morning.

Second growth oak cord wood at \$6.00 per cord at the Arctic Ice & Fuel Co. Both phones 231.

Valentine S. Keppel of Holmen is in the city and will attend the meeting of the municipal court committee this afternoon.

Ask your dealer for the best Arctic. He will give you La Crosse Red Fibre Heel.

Wenzel Korn is in La Crosse today on business.

Rev. M. E. O'Conner of Wykoff is visiting friends in the city today. D. D. and C. H. Paul of Fountain, Minn., are calling on friends here.

All pine slabs at \$5.00 per cord at the Arctic Ice & Fuel Co. Both phones 231.

O. B. Cornish of Fort Atkinson is a business caller in La Crosse today. H. R. Crandall of Eau Claire is in the city.

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W. N. Upham of West Salem is visiting friends in La Crosse today.

J. O. Paulsen of Sparta is calling on relatives and friends in La Crosse today.

Dr. George Powell, consulting physician and surgeon.
Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Waterman of Superior are guests of D. J. Cameron, 1207 State street.

Wanted—Ten thousand children to wear rubbers made in La Crosse. Ask your dealer.

R. J. Hart of Milwaukee, newly elected grand master of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, is in the city on business today.

Hoarse coughs and stuffy colds that may develop into pneumonia over night are quickly cured by Foley's Honey and Tar, as it soothes inflamed membranes, heals the lungs, and expels the cold from the system. O. T. Erhart.

W. B. Hinricks, assistant superintendent of the C. & M. & St. P. Ry., is in La Crosse on business today.

16 inch edgings for kindling, \$5.00 per cord at the Arctic Ice & Fuel Co. Both phones 231.

Editor Emil Schulze of the Arcadia Anzeiger is in the city today.

La Crosse merchants want to please their customers, that's why they buy La Crosse rubbers.

Sacred Heart College of Prairie du Chien will close on December 22 for the holidays and George and William Garrity and several other La Crosse

What to do For a Cough

There are so many pet ways of treating coughs and colds, and so many friends ready with all kinds of advice, that, when a cough is contracted, it often bothers a person to remember what they did for the last one.

The following home-made remedy, kept in the home ready for use, will overcome an obstinate cough quicker than any expensive medicine you could buy. Any woman can make it in a few moments—here is the recipe:
Granulated Sugar Syrup 13 1/2 oz.
Pinex 2 1/2 oz.

Put the Pinex in a clean pint bottle and fill up the bottle with the Syrup, made as follows: Take a pint of Granulated Sugar, add 1/2 cup of water, stir and let boil just a moment. Take a teaspoonful every one, two or three hours, as full every one, two or three hours, a full pint of the cough syrup, and it kept well corked, it will never spoil. Tastes so good that children will take it without kicking.

This simple cough syrup usually stops a deep-seated cough in 24 hours. It is also excellent for colds, whooping cough, bronchial troubles, incipient consumption, pains in the chest, etc.

Pinex, as you probably know, is the most potent form of Norway White Pine Compound. It is very rich in gualacal and other elements which make the ozone of the pine forests such splendid medicine for throat and lung troubles. There are many pine oil preparations, but none of these compare with the real Pinex itself. If your druggist does not happen to have it, he will be glad to get it for you. The 2 1/2 ounces cost you fifty cents. The Syrup costs you about four cents. So you can make a whole pint of this effective Cough Syrup for about fifty-four cents.

students at the school will be at home for two weeks. The vacation has been made of that length in order to allow students who live outside the state an opportunity of a home visit.

Hack calls promptly attended to. Phone 179 Gateway City Trlr. Line.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Morse leaves tonight for New York.

Mr. Henry Quinn, late of Boston, is the guest of his sister, Mrs. G. C. Prentiss.

E. F. U. Notion Bazaar. Don't forget to come to the Notion Bazaar and free dance tonight at Coren's hall.

Miss Lulu Perkins of Wabasha has returned to her home after a visit of a few days with friends.

Mr. Robert Granger of Cascade was in the city yesterday on a business trip.

Miss Gertrude Hogan is in St. Paul.

The Ladies of the Equitable Fraternal union opened their bazaar in the Coren building this morning. All the arrangements have been completed and the hall is prettily decorated. The bazaar will continue for several days.

CHIPMUNK COULEE

The Coulee M. E. church has been preparing for a Christmas program which will occur on the evening before Christmas. The following committee has been appointed: John Tietz, Mr. Ambrose Starch, Rev. W. W. J. Witter and Emil Pandler.

The Ladies' society will meet Thursday, Dec. 17, at the home of Mrs. Theodore Lorenz.

Joseph and Lizzie Newman left for Minneapolis Tuesday where they will visit their sister.

Mr. Gilbert and Elsie Pandler were visitors at Stoddard Sunday.

Mr. Louis Kunerth returned home from West Concord, Minn., where he has been working for some time. He will continue his work later at the La Crosse Plow works.

Mr. August Kunerth had a runaway Saturday, no one being injured.

Mr. Henry Carson was a caller in the Coulee Sunday.

Farmers in this vicinity are busy hauling wood.

Mr. Adolph Starch who had his hand cut badly some time ago, consulted a physician Monday.

QUENCHES THIRST WITH LYE; DIES

MONROE, Wis., Dec. 15.—Fred Otto Maas, the 4 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Maas of Clarno township, died from the effects of drinking from a bottle of lye a while ago. The lye was kept in the house for cleaning purposes.

MRS. TAFT TALKS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Mrs. W. H. Taft talked on the opportunity for women to aid in the work of lessening the "loan shark evil" in its bearing upon the small salaried government and industrial employees before the Woman's Department of the National Civic Federation at the Hotel Astoria here. This session of the federation was devoted to industrial peace and commercial prosperity.

BILLIARD SCORES.

The following billiard scores were made last night at the La Crosse club:

Spence, 30, 27; Klein, 25, 25.

Pettingill, 35, 24; Klein, 25, 25.

Bjorkman, 50, 38; Langenbach, 50, 50.

Kroner, 65, 55; Mitchell, 65, 65.

Kroner, 65, 52; Raymond, 65, 65.

Wing, 65, 45; Raymond, 65, 65.

Kroner, 65, 65; Holway, 70, 34.

Gatterdam, 95, 80; Edwards, 105, 105.

Hough, 90, 80; McMillan, 90, 90.

Keyes, 90, 90; Hickisch, 70, 53.

SOCIETY

HOUSE WARMING

Mrs. H. Schrader was pleasantly surprised on her birthday in the form of a house party by the Ladies' society of the German M. E. church. The guests were loaded down with a lot of good things to eat and some useful presents were received. The afternoon was pleasantly spent in singing and speaking. Mrs. Keim being quite an elocutionist. About 5 o'clock a bountiful repast was served and after wishing the hostess many happy returns of the day, they all departed for their homes. Those present were: Rev. and Mrs. Panz-lau and Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Wilcox, and Mesdames May, Wagner, Koethe, Sleinlin, Mauman, Schultz, Brasda, Houseman, Appel, Carl Henken, Egger, Schlegelmier, Otto, Pfafflin, Weis, Keim, Brunke and Gerrard.

WEDDED IN WASHINGTON.

Invitations received here announce the marriage of Mr. Burwood Staples of Onalaska and Miss Hannah M. Snell of Woodville, Wash. The marriage took place on Dec. 10.

Y. M. C. A. CONCERT.

Prof. Urquhart Cawley will give a concert at the Y. M. C. A. auditorium this evening. Miss Estelle Solon will sing the "Jewel Song" from "Faust." Mr. E. O. Forseth will sing several songs in his native Norwegian, and Professor P. Peterson will render several violin solos. The piano selections will contain numbers appealing to people of musical taste.

Y. W. C. A. NOTES

The Bible classes of the association gathered in the library of the Y. W. C. A. rooms and enjoyed a delicious spread. The table was attractively decorated with Christmas bells, holly and a Santa Claus. After supper a meeting of the Lucy Larcom club was held and two new members were received. The club takes its name from the poetess who lived a most noble life of unselfishness. Songs and games occupied the evening, and great merriment existed when tiny pennants were presented. The evening was in charge of the following committee: Miss Selma Swanson, Miss Clara Kaser and Edyth Shaw. The officers of the club are: President, Miss Selma Swanson; vice president, Miss Esther Kellogg; secretary, Miss Florence Bauch; treasurer, Miss Sylvia Nelson.

The orchestra will meet Thursday evening at 7:30. Thursday afternoon a party will be given for the girls' department at 4 o'clock.

A Christmas service will be held Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock. There will be music by the orchestra, and Christmas carols will be sung. Light refreshments will be served by the devotional committee and a Christmas story read.

The Ladies' society of the First Presbyterian church will be entertained Thursday afternoon by Mrs. F. H. Soffield.

SOCIETY MEETING TRANSFERED

The Ladies' society of the Emanuel Evangelical church which was to have met with Mr. and Mrs. A. Schaffer, on North Third street, will meet next Wednesday at 2:30 p. m. with Mrs. P. Wagner, 614 South Fourteenth street, instead.

ROWENA CIRCLE MEETS

Rowena Circle, Brotherhood of American Yeomen, gave the fourth of their series of public card parties Tuesday afternoon, December 8th, in Coren's hall. There were twenty-two tables. Delightful refreshments were served at 4:30. The head prizes were won by Mesdames Thill and Spaw, the second prizes by Mesdames Mosher and Vondrashek. On account of the E. F. U. having a bazaar in the hall on the 15th, the Rowena Circle will not hold their next regular meeting till next Tuesday, December 22d.

SURPRISE DR. WINTERS

Rowena Circle, B. A. Y., and their husbands pleasantly surprised Dr. O. G. Winters, chief medical director of Des Moines, Iowa, Saturday evening at the home of James Rawlinson on South Seventh street. Progressive cinch was played until a late hour, when delightful refreshments were served. Dr. Winters was presented with a framed picture of the degree team of the B. A. Y. and a huge bouquet of roses and carnations with the Yeomen colors of ribbon by the Rowena Circle. The doctor expressed his appreciation in a few well chosen remarks. The Misses Foster gave several musical selections which were greatly appreciated.

GRANTED A DIVORCE

Mrs. Bernice Peterson was yesterday afternoon granted a divorce by Judge J. J. Fruit from her husband, Haakon Peterson on the grounds of cruel and inhuman treatment.

Cashfully!

The most popular minister in town dropped in my store yesterday. He always takes great interest in Gray's Yerba Santa Cough Cure and inquired how it was selling. I told him never better, and that I was cheerfully refunding the money if it failed to relieve. Cheerfully? Why, you should say cashfully; that would be more convincing. I had a good laugh and promised I would, hence the heading of this ad. Please read this over again and see if you can see the point, and don't fail to take advantage of this proposition if you have a cough and want to get rid of it.

CHAS. BEYSCHLAG

Druggist, 503 Main Street.

NICHOLSON-SCOTT Co.

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Good News Here for Gift Givers Smart Prices for Wednesday

NAPKINS

Hemstitched all Linen Satin Damask Napkins, worth \$3.50 dozen. Put up in boxes of 6, for—

\$1.25

22 inch double Satin Damask Napkins, our own importation, worth \$5.00 dozen, put up in boxes of 6 for only—

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LUNCH CLOTHS

1 yard square all Linen Satin Damask Hemstitched Lunch Cloths, special price of only—

\$1.00 Each

1 yard square Hemstitched all Linen Hand Embroidered Lunch Cloths that are worth \$2.50 each, only—

\$1.25 Each

SCARFS

19x54 all Linen Hemstitched Hand Embroidered Scarf, worth \$2.50, only—

\$1.25 Each

APRONS FOR GIFTS

Our assortment covers all the ground in Apron ideas from the plainer sorts to the fine Swiss inserted and medallion trimmed. The prices range—

25c to \$1.25 Each

HANDKERCHIEFS FOR LADIES

Special lot, our direct importation, all pure Linen with Embroidered corners, in very neat pretty designs. They are selling in large centers at 25c. We have priced them—

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HOSIERY FOR GIFTS

Embroidered Hosiery in very chic line of designs, hand embroidery, silk lisle in black, with big assortment of colorings—

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SILK HOSIERY

in all black pure silk with high splice heel and silk sole, a \$1.25 value for—

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EMBROIDERED SILK HOSIERY—

\$2.50 to \$3.00 Pair

BELTS IN CHRISTMAS BOXES

We show a wide range of styles in the popular belts, priced—

50c, 75c and \$1.00 Box

WAIST PATTERNS IN BOXES

No more practical gift can be given. White mercerized Waists in advance spring designs, put up in fancy boxes, 3 1/4 yards to the box—

75c

FURS FOR GIFTS

Brook Mink Neck Pieces in boxes—

\$2.25

Isabella Fox Set, shawl, collar and Rug Muff, a beauty—

\$25.00 Set

Black Lynx Set, shirred silk lining to Rug Muff and Shawl Collar. The price today is \$85.00; our price—

\$50.00 Set

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Use Rengo. It is perfectly safe. You eat like fruit or candy and easily and safely reduce your fat a pound a day.

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NOTICE

We will furnish funeral outfits at following prices: Hearses, Carriages and Pallbearers \$1 each—Sundays excepted. Phone 102. CLARK & CLARK.

Good Time To Select Brushes

Our holiday stock of brushes that we chose with so much care in the early fall, has arrived. We now have the finest showing of bristle goods that was ever displayed. These goods were selected for their beauty, fine workmanship and superior quality of bristles. If you need a brush of some kind for personal use this is an exceptional time to select. You'll not be able to pick from such a splendid assortment again this year. Hair Brushes, Hat Brushes, Bath Brushes, Cloth Brushes, Nail Brushes, Shaving Brushes, Complexion Brushes, Hand Brushes, Etc.

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CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTS

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When an heiress marries a man to reform him she probably has the gold cure in mind.

HUGHES STIRS UP WALL STREET GANG

INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE DISTURBS THE OPERATORS

DON'T LIKE THE PERSONNEL

Character of Men to Handle Probe Makes it Look Like a Real Investigation

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 15.—Gov. Hughes has appointed a Wall Street probing commission. It has no power to administer oaths or compel witnesses to testify, but it is believed to-day that as a result of its work legislation will be recommended which will end the many alleged sharp practices of the street.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Wall Street experienced a series of unpleasant thrills when the personnel of Gov. Hughes' "special investigating committee" was announced to-day. Then it vented its challenge in a grim defiant smile and with finger to nose set about the reinforcement of the entrenchments that have baffled the courts and legal profession for a score of years.

Despite the flurry occasioned by the announcement that the committee will initiate its proceedings tomorrow with an organization meeting, the derision of the little cow path in Trinity's shadow have taken confidence from the pronounced antagonism of the legislature towards the radical policies of Gov. Hughes. Nothing short of incisive legislation is expected by the stock brokers of Wall Street and this will be taken care of by conservative, constructive legislators, who would naturally discern a vicious thrust at the financial fabric of the commonwealth and nation. So say the men who have spread the tentacles of the stock exchange over the vast trading territory in the universe.

Some Keen Inquirers
David Leaventritt, former justice of the supreme court of New York, is looked upon as the nemesis of the manipulators of "wash sales," "short sales and the practice of hypochondriac customer" stock by the broken for more than the patrons' indebtedness. The eminent jurist has had experience with such cases and realizes the inadequacy of the existing laws as an aid to inquisitions. The very insufficiency of the statutes in hearing intricate machinery of the stock exchange will suggest to him a reason for causing trouble to the protected members of the financial system.

Market Is Frightened.
Another selling wave struck the market shortly after noon carrying the leading speculative issues down one and two points.

TOBACCO TRUST IS BADLY "BUSTED"

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—The American Tobacco company suffered a heavy blow today when the final decree in the suit of the government against the "trust" was filed in the United States Circuit Court. The decree declares that the American Tobacco company, the American Cigar company, the American Snuff company, the McAndrews and Forbes companies form a monopoly and illegal combination in restraint of trade, and they are enjoined in engaging in interstate commerce in leaf tobacco trade. These companies as well as the R. J. Reynolds company, the Pierre Lorillard, the Blackwell's Durham Tobacco Co. and the Conley Foll Co. are also restrained from voting on the stock held by them in either of the companies named or the stock of any subsidiary company.

HELD WHILE LAW IS LOOKED UP

P. M. Dunn, the insurance man who was wanted in Rockford for jumping his hotel bill, is held on \$300 bail awaiting a hearing Thursday morning. The reason for the adjournment today is to give the district attorney time to look up the Illinois law in regard to the matter. In the meantime the sheriff of Winnebago county is conferring with the governor of Illinois in an effort to obtain extradition papers. When the necessary papers are secured the man will probably be taken to Rockford. The police are using every effort available to gain time and it appears that they will succeed. Dunn's attorneys say that he is held unlawfully and that the warrant is invalid.

AGED WOMAN DIES ON ST. JOSEPH RIDGE

Mrs. Petrenella Kirschner, aged 80 years, died Monday at 10:30 p. m. at the residence of her brother-in-law, Frank Build, on St. Joseph Ridge. The funeral will be held at 9:30 a. m. Thursday at St. Joseph ridge church, Rev. Michael Haas officiating, with Fessler and Dahl in charge. Interment will be made in St. Joseph Ridge cemetery.

PULLMAN DID WELL.
CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—On an original investment of \$100,000, the Pullman company has paid more than \$32,000,000 in dividends, and, in addition, has at present assets of \$74,000,000.

This was the statement of Assistant Auditor Hough of the company at today's hearing before Interstate Commerce Commissioner Lane on a complaint filed by Geo. S. Loftus of St. Paul, Minn.

SAVE THIS RECIPE

The expert doctors report from the hospital camps in the pine woods of Maine that pine contains the most active agents for restoring the mucous membrane to its normal condition and for coughs and colds it simply works wonders, frequently completely curing the most severe cold in a day's time. Here is the formula:

Mix half pint of good whiskey with two ounces of glycerine and add one-half ounce Concentrated pine compound. The bottle is to be well shaken each time and used in doses of a teaspoonful to a tablespoonful every four hours.

The Concentrated pine is a special pine product refined for the highest of medical use and comes only in half ounce bottles each enclosed in a round wood case, which is all-right to retain the full strength.

Be sure it is labeled "Concentrated," thus avoiding inferior preparations.

T. JENKINS HAINS TO WRITE A STORY

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The Annis murder trial. "I feel fine, at least as fine as a man can feel who has this sort of a thing to face," remarked the prisoner, smiling, as he came over from the Queens county jail, handcuffed to Undersheriff Phillips.

Hains Is Nervy.
The report that T. Jenkins Hains is on the verge of nervous breakdown is the real joke of the trial.

CLAUDIA WON'T TESTIFY

WINTHROP, Mass., Dec. 15.—"I shall not go to New York during the present trial of Thornton Hains. I have nothing to say for or against him," said Mrs. Peter Hains today at the home of her parents in Wintthrop. "When Wm. E. Annis was killed last August, I felt very bitter and vindictive toward Thornton Hains, but I can only feel pity for him now. He is in a situation that I do not see how he can possibly get out of and I shall have nothing to say about him one way or another. That is why I shall not go to New York during the present trial."

Anyone who looks into his face and catches the snap of his eyes will realize that he is not of the calibre of men who collapse. The defendant is an unique figure as he sits among his array of counsel, twirling a yellow lead pencil between his forefinger and his thumb as he scans the always monotonous scene with the eye of an artist.

Will Write Trial Story.
No matter what the verdict, it is certain that the scenes in the Flushing courtroom are to be depicted in type by Hains, who is evidently impressed with the literary possibilities rather than the dramatic suggestions of the trial. From the jurors in the box to the talesmen in the prospective jurors' chairs, along to the active figure of Justice Crane, the prisoner's glance is shifted, and then as if seized by a sudden idea, leans across the table and whispers earnestly to his counsel.

The attorneys for the defense refused today to furnish any letters which the prosecution may desire. They deny they have any letters from T. Jenkins Hains to his brother, Peter, and further declare even if they had such letters should not be a part of the case.

Hains to Take Stand.
The report that the defense will rely on T. Jenkins Hains, as the chief witness in his own defense, was confirmed in court today by Attorney McIntyre. "Of course, he will go on the stand," said the chief counsel. "He is the one man best qualified to speak for our side and to tell the real tale of what happened on the float at the Bayside Yacht club on Aug. 15."

Mrs. Annis Strong Witness.
Mrs. Wm. E. Annis, wife of the murdered man, came to Flushing today. She will remain within call until the jury is completed and will be one of the first witnesses called by District Attorney Darrin. The latter largely depends on her story to convict T. Jenkins Hains. She will testify as she attempted to rush to her husband's aid, as he fell, T. J. Hains pushed her aside and kept her back with his leveled revolver. It

Faithfully In The Van

Would it seem immodest to say that our showing of Christmas things signally outclasses and overshadows any establishment of its kind in this city?

Our greatest argument is the magnitude of new things, quality supremacy and very moderate prices. And, in addition to this, is a diligent application of modern methods, intense pride in a patronage recognized as the most critically particular, who are unable in any other store to find "just what they want."

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La Crosse, Wis.

will be her story that Hains had his revolver in plain sight before Capt. P. C. Hains fired a single shot and it will be her contention that he positively declared: "This is his own affair and I am managing it. Everybody stand back."

To Air Whole Story.

In placing T. J. Hains on the stand to testify in his own behalf, attorneys for the defense hope to score heavily on District Attorney Darrin. How far Justice Crane will fall in with their plans is hard to say, but unless he rules such testimony out as

NO, SHE WON'T!
BOSTON, Dec. 15, (3 p. m.)—Mrs. Peter C. Hains has sent no telegram to the court at Flushing, L. I., stating that she demands to testify against Thornton Jenkins Hains. She will not testify. There is nothing to the story," said Ray L. Norton, counsel for Mrs. Hains today when told that such a statement was current in New York.

irrelevant, the entire family affairs of Capt. Peter C. Hains are likely to be aired before the final testimony is in.

Special Counsel Assigned.

Justice Crane, before the examination of talesmen had begun today, announced that the county judge of Queens county had detailed James E. Dayton and Elmer S. White to aid District Attorney Darrin. As soon as he read the matter, Attorney McIntyre objected. He declared that there was no warrant of law whereby they could supersede the district attorney. He declared that Dayton was retained by the Bayside Yacht club and should not be permitted to appear. The court ruled against him, recognizing both as special counsel, and the defense entered an objection.

She's Coming, Yes, No?

It was reported this morning in the court room that the prosecution had received a telegram from Mrs. Peter C. Hains, saying that she had decided to come to New York and will insist on being put on the stand as a witness. Her decision is said to be due to the defense making public the alleged confession of misconduct with W. E. Annis. The attorneys decline to confirm the report which seems to be well founded.

INVESTIGATION TO BE FORCED FROM THE WATERLOO END

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her was then asked if he would produce copies of the affidavits or transcripts of the evidence upon which the requisitions had been issued. Mr. Burns had left the room, and Weber said he would have to see him first. They stated they did not believe anyone had a right to see the evidence and were informed by Mr. Birdsall that he would certainly attempt to force them to produce these papers. They asked if Mr. Birdsall intended to get out a writ and Mr. Birdsall's reply was that he certainly did so intend. Mr. Birdsall then left the room to go back and talk with the prisoners and when he returned to the front office was told that Burns and Weber had taken the train. We certainly expected that they would be on hand and that this leaving at this time was only a "stall" on their part. Mr. Birdsall called up Judge Clapp at 8:30 in the morning and was told by him that the case would be called promptly at 9 and Mr. Birdsall made arrangements for the filing of the petition and serving of the writ on Burns and Weber. To our surprise they failed to show up.

The claim of payment of \$500, or any other sum by Rogers to the police department here is absolutely ridiculous as in the first place he did not have it and in the second place our department is not composed of a bunch of grafters.

Demand Investigation

"We understand that Chief Leighton has attorneys now employed with a view of commencing an action against some of the Chicago papers and if Weber and Burns do not make their bluff good and ask for an investigation one will be asked at this end."

"The whole transaction of the action of your officers here has a peculiar look to one who knows the facts here and it is safe to predict that in case of an investigation it will not be the department here that will suffer."

GUARDSHIP "MAYO" STRIKES ITS FLAG

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the notes exchanged between Castro and the Kaiser, the belief has sprung up that if Castro offers enough in the way of trade concessions, Germany will do all that she can, without actually impairing her international relations, to help Castro.

Herr Goesch, counselor in the foreign office, visited Castro today and made arrangements for the latter's official visit upon Chancellor Von Buelow and Foreign Secretary Von Schoen.

Business Men Interested.
The hustling political activity of Castro removes all doubt as to his health and the report that he has come to Berlin for an operation is causing a lot of facetious comment by the press and public.

When it became known that Castro was seeking to strengthen the trade relations between Germany and Venezuela, his apartment at the Hotel Esplanade was besieged by representatives of big German houses who wanted to get "in on the ground floor." The Castro party is occasioning so much interest that a special detail of police had to guard the Esplanade all day.

The push button doesn't always ring the gong of success.

SCHWAB TELLS ALL ABOUT STEEL BIZ

LETTER HE WROTE FRICK IS "SPRUNG" ON HIM

SAID STEEL RAILS COST \$12

But He Explains Today That This

Letter Was Written in the "Enthusiasm of Youth"

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 15.—Charles M. Schwab, president of the Bethlehem Steel company, today told the ways and means committee something about the steel business. Chairman Payne said to Schwab, when the latter had taken the oath: "The committee wants to know a number of things you know. Would you prefer that we ask questions, or that you first make a statement?"

"I have nothing to ask and nothing to state."

"What is your business?" asked Chairman Payne.

"I am with the Bethlehem Steel company."

"In what capacity?"

"I am unfortunately a stockholder, as well as president."

"Are you connected with the United States Steel corporation?"

"No; except as a stockholder."

Chairman Payne then read to Schwab a letter written by the latter to H. C. Frick, May 15, 1899, in which he said that they could make rails at Pittsburgh for less than \$12 a ton, he later stated that the cost in England was \$19 a ton.

"We can sell at this price abroad and to nearly as good advantage as we get from the home price. We are going to control the steel business of the world," it said. "Was that true?" asked Chairman Payne.

"Yes, at that time," answered Schwab. "I may explain that I was young and enthusiastic at that time. That was an optimistic day. The point of view was that of the manufacturing department. The \$12 was the minimum cost and none of the general charges, interests or depreciation were included. The English cost did include those charges."

"The letter was written at Mr. Frick's solicitation at a time when we were anxious to sell. The cost of iron ore at Pittsburgh at that time was \$2.40 a ton. The cost of pig iron, including the ore was \$8.25 and the cost of converting pig iron into rails was \$3.75 which makes the \$12 per ton for rails. Everything in the steel business was then at the lowest basis. We could get plenty of men at \$1 to \$1.25 a day and one of them would do the work that two men do in these days. Freight rates were one-third less than they are today."

"Tell us in the same detail the cost today," said Dalzell (republican Pennsylvania).

"Are you going to be optimistic or pessimistic now?" asked Randall, (democrat, Texas).

"I will let you be the judge of that," said Schwab. Then he gave in detail figures to show that the cost of a ton of ore in Pittsburgh now is \$4.05 and the cost of a ton of pig iron, including the ore, is about \$11. The present cost of converting pig iron into rails was \$7.50 a ton, Schwab said, making the present cost of rails \$21.50 a ton.

Underwood (democrat, Alabama) remarked upon the necessity of the committee getting exact facts.

"I'll give you the facts," replied Schwab, quickly, "and you can do what you like with the tariff."

BLACKBURN MAY QUIT.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Dec. 15.—Gov. J. C. S. Blackburn of the Panama canal zone today confirmed the report that his resignation is ready to tender President-elect Taft should that official regard his holding it as embarrassing to his administration.

POULTRY SHOW

Annual Exhibition of the Western Wisconsin Poultry Ass'n.

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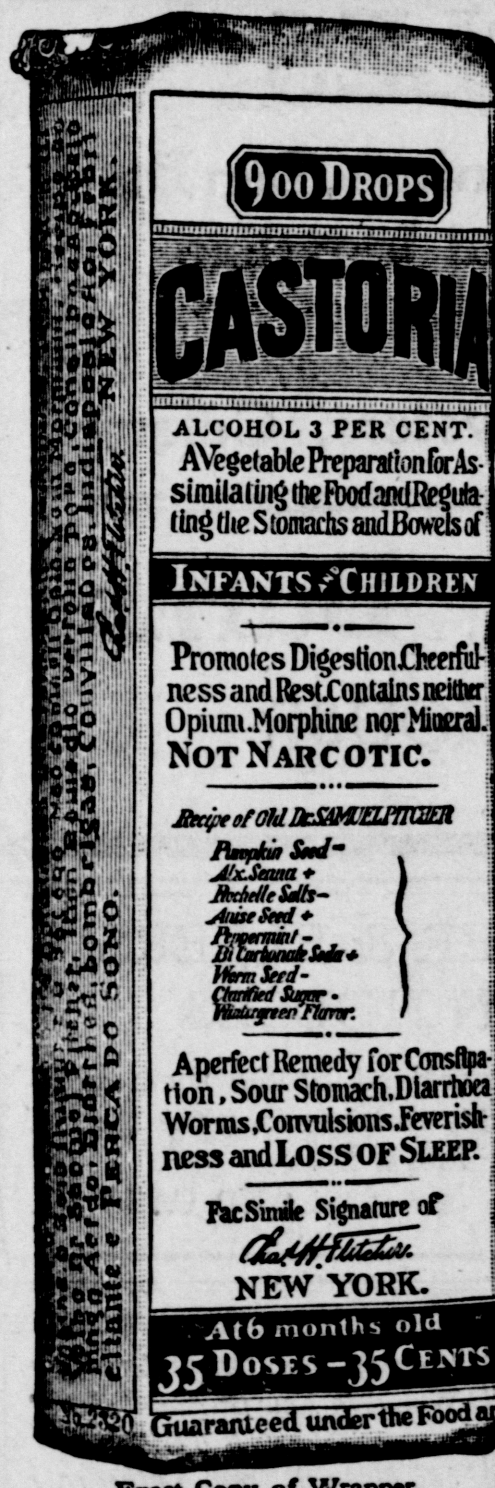
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REID'S REPORT HIT KILBOURN DAM CO.

THAT COMPANY MUCH GRIEVED OVER HIS STATEMENTS

SAY RIVER IS NAVIGABLE

In His Report He Alleges River at the Site of Dam is Navigable and Objects to Dam Right

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 15.—One of the companies most interested in and perhaps the most grieved over the report of Commissioner of Waterways Ray S. Reid is the Southern Wisconsin Power company of Madison, which was organized recently to generate power to Milwaukee, Madison and other eastern cities.

In his report to Gov. Davidson Mr. Reid objects to the building of a dam there without the building of locks suitable to make possible navigation above the dam, the company holds that the river is closed by Mr. Reid, insists that if the Wisconsin river

is not navigable at this point, in the opinion of the federal government, then the St. Croix, Black and Chippewa rivers are closed.

After taking up the matter with the war department and President Roosevelt personally he received the following statement: "Wisconsin river at the site of the dam in its natural state while possibly a navigable stream, was practically un-navigable." The opinion was rendered in view of the fact that the river at the dam site is very deep.

Judge Reid has announced that before the dam is completed and the river officially closed the matter should be taken through the courts. The damming of the river, he contends, would be a serious detriment when the plan to retires the state comes up.

MRS. MARY LUEDKE JOINS SILENT THROG

Mrs. Mary Luedke, wife of Wm. Luedke, 1412 South Ninth street, died yesterday at 7 o'clock a. m. after a lingering illness. She was 63 years old, and leaves a husband, four sons and three daughters to mourn her loss.

The funeral will be held from the residence at 2:30 Wednesday afternoon. Interment will be made in Oak Grove cemetery. Rev. Gamm will officiate and Mrs. Theo. Mannstedt is in charge.

WORKS AFTER HE LOST HIS FINGERS

NEENAH, Wis., Dec. 15.—While employed at the Menasha Woodware plant Frank Patchkof had three fingers amputated on a saw. He picked up the fingers and carried them to the doctor's office. He returned to work in the afternoon, saying: "I need the money and can't stop work."

The reason a woman wants to marry off her daughters is to show how much smarter she is at it than women who haven't any.

WISCONSIN NEWS

FOND DU LAC MEN TALK LYNCH LAW

OAKFIELD PEOPLE INTIMATE LYNCHING

GRANT POOLE IS FEARED

Ask State to Provide Hospital for Criminal Insane to Prevent Escapes

FOND DU LAC, Wis., Dec. 15.—Fearful lest Grant Poole, the murderer of E. H. Orvis of Oakfield, may escape from the Northern Asylum for the insane, return to Oakfield and kill others, the residents of that village have taken steps to petition the legislature to authorize the erection of an asylum for the criminal insane.

Poole was an escaped inmate from the asylum when he committed the crime with which he is charged.

The village board has been asked to take proper steps to petition the legislature to establish an asylum for the criminal insane as secure as the state prison.

The petition says in part: "We have never been in favor of lynch law and have always condemned the good citizens of the south for taking part in such actions, but unless some steps are taken to take proper care of such individuals we would not be in the least surprised to hear of the same thing happening in our own community."

This is Worth Reading.
Leo F. Zelinski, of 55 Gibson St., Buffalo, N. Y., says: "I cured the most annoying cold sore I ever had, with Bucklen's Arnica Salve. I applied this salve once a day for two days, when every trace of the sore was gone." Heals all sores. Sold under guarantee at O. T. Erhart's drug store. 25c.

OSBORN GUILTY JURY'S VERDICT

OSHKOSH, Wis., Dec. 15.—After being out fourteen hours the jury in the case of Dell Osborn, the Amberg saloonkeeper who last June shot and killed Louis Toboltz, an Amberg bartender, Osborn being crazed by jealousy of his wife, brought in a verdict of murder in the second degree. The penalty is fourteen to twenty-five years in state prison.

The trial lasted just a week. The defense was insanity in the form of epilepsy.

DIES, AGE 102 YEARS.

WAUPACA, Wis., Dec. 15.—Mrs. Mary Marshall died at the hospital in the Wisconsin Veterans' home. Mrs. Marshall was a native of the north of Ireland and was born 102 years ago the 1st of last October. Her career has been quite a remarkable one. Her husband was an officer in the Mexican war, and she was a nurse. She was also a nurse in the late war of the rebellion, and her family was also well represented in the ranks of the union army. One of her sons-in-law, William H. Segar, and wife are members of this home.

"LA FOLLETTE'S WEEKLY."

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 15.—It was announced here that Senator La Follette's proposed newspaper is to be called "La Follette's Weekly" instead of the "La Follette Magazine" as reported some days ago. The senator will be home next week when he will get out a prospectus which will be closely followed by the first issue of the weekly.

Heart Troubles

The heart may be weak just the same as the eyes, stomach or other organs. It often happens that a person is born with a weak heart. Then again disease, fevers, over-exertion, anxiety, nervousness, rheumatism, etc. weaken the heart. The result is shortness of breath, palpitation, pain in the heart, or in some of the nerves of the chest or abdomen. The heart should be strengthened with a tonic, and for this nothing equals Dr. Miles' Heart Cure.

"I had La Grippe last fall as I thought in a mild form. I was weak, tired, feeling, and short of breath; could hardly go about, and a good deal of the time sort of an asthmatic breathing and extremely nervous. I began taking Dr. Miles' Heart Cure and Nervine and now I feel so much better in every way. I am so thankful that I began taking this medicine, and shall not hesitate to tell others how much good it has done me."

MRS. F. J. NORTON, Greenville, New York.

Your druggist sells Dr. Miles' Heart Cure, and we authorize him to return price of first bottle (only) if it fails to benefit you.

Miles Medical Co., Elkhart, Ind.

GIFT SUGGESTIONS

"It's hard to buy for men," lots of women say. Not at all, we reply. It's the simplest thing in the world to please the average man. First of all he's practical and likes useful gifts—and that's just what we have to offer. Read these items over; he'll want some of them.



Shop Early

Do your Holiday trading now. The economy and benefits to be derived from early shopping mean substantial satisfaction. Our salespeople can give you better individual attention if you anticipate the rush. You can buy more leisurely, more discriminatingly and you can select from a greater variety of holiday effects.

Neckwear

25c, 50c, \$1 up

Sweater Coats

\$2 up to \$5.50

Collar Bags

\$1.50 to \$2.50

Gloves

\$1 to \$ 2.50

Mufflers

75c to \$3.50

Fancy Vests

\$2.00 to \$5.00

Smoking Jackets

Shirts

\$1 to \$3

Lounging Robes

Fancy Suspenders, each Packed in Christmas Box

50c to \$2.00

The Home of H. S. & M. Clothes

Manhattan Shirts

Knox Co. Hats

228-230 Main St.

STAVRUM & HULBERG

Did it ever occur to you to give a Hart Schaffner and Marx Suit or Overcoat for Christmas? Fine present for any man. New lines just in—

\$18 to \$30

TEDDY, JR., A MAJOR WATERBURY, Conn., Dec. 14.—Major Theodore Roosevelt, aide-camp to Gov. Geo. Lilley. That's

what has resulted for the person who came to Connecticut this fall to work in the big carpet factory at Thompsonville.

LADIES TO ENTERTAIN The Ladies' society of the Trinity Universalist Lutheran church will entertain at the church parlors to-

morrow. A pleasant program has been arranged, the ladies entertaining in the afternoon and the young people in the evening.



Our Very Best People

insist on having just what they ask for. "Just as Good" will not suffice, as substitution is the annihilator of confidence. When the most discriminating order beer for their luncheon or home, it is always

Gund's Peerless Beer

Men of well-balanced minds and keen perceptions are aware that they must eat and drink right in order to daily restore within themselves the continuous nervous and organic waste of body and mind.

Peerless Beer, brewed by the Gund Natural Process for 50 years, contains more vital food elements than any other bottled beer. It is full of snap and wonderfully refreshing, just the essence and soul of prime Northern barley harvest, combined with the finest hops obtainable in the world.

Peerless Beer has won highest awards of both hemispheres. A favorite and ideal home beer. Sold everywhere. Order a case today if you want something better than the average brew.

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Every bottle guaranteed by the makers under the Pure Food and Drugs Act, June 30, 1906. Serial Number 3244.

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"The Taste Lingers."

Made by Postum Cereal Company, Limited, Battle Creek, Mich.

TRIBUNE WANTS

Help Wanted—Male

WANTED—500 men to learn barber trade and take positions waiting graduates. Few weeks complete, practical practice furnished, scholarship, examinations and diploma. Write for catalogue. Moler Barber College, Chicago, Ills.

WANTED—For U. S. Army: Able-bodied, unmarried men, between 18 and 35; citizens of United States, of good character and temperate habits, who can speak, read and write English. For information apply to Recruiting Officer, Hotel Grand, La Crosse, Wis.

WANTED—Canvassing agents, a pleasant and profitable occupation. Fabric Imp. Co., 1605 Farnam St., La Crosse.

WANTED—Our illustrated catalogue explains how we teach barber trade in few weeks, mailed free. Moler Barber College, Chicago, Ill. 12-12-12.

WANTED—Girl for general housework, 117 No. 10th. 12-14

WANTED—Girl at American House. 12-14

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Lost

LOST—Gold watch, hunting case, and fob. Return to Tribune office. Reward. 12-10-16.

LOST—Small fox terrier dog, black ears and black tail, answers to name Buster. Finder return to 1535 Main and receive reward. 12-15-16

LOST—Gold necklace and locket in business part of town. Return to Tribune. Reward. 12-14-15.

LOST—Yellow and white Angora cat. Return to 1341 Kane. Reward. 12-15-19.

FOUND—Suit case and pair boots Monday forenoon. Owner may have same by identifying and paying for this ad. 329 So. 3rd. 12-15-16

FOUND—A tan glove. Owner pay for this ad and recover property.

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FOR RENT

7 room house, furnace, bath, electric light, gas ... \$18.00
5 rooms, electric light, gas and water free \$8.50
7 rooms brick house, good location \$13.00

Frank G. Roth, 4th and Pearl

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.
State of Wisconsin, In Probate, La Crosse County Court.

In the matter of the estate of Peter Schlach, late of the City of La Crosse, in said County, deceased. Letters testamentary in said matter having been granted to Susannah Schlach of the City and County of La Crosse, notice is hereby given that six months after the 27th day of October, A. D. 1928, are allowed to creditors to present their claims against said deceased for examination and allowance; and that said Court will on the fourth day of May, A. D. 1929, at 10 o'clock a. m. of said day, at the Court Room of said County, in the City of La Crosse, examine and adjust all claims and demands of all persons against said deceased.

By the Court,
JOHN BRINDLEY,
County Judge.

Dated this 27th day of October, 1928.
JOHN A. DANIELS,
Attorney for Executrix.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO COUNTY COURT
State of Wisconsin, County Court, La Crosse County, ss: In Probate.

Notice is hereby given that at a special term of the County Court, to be held in and for said County, at the Court House, in the City of La Crosse, in said County, on the second Tuesday, being the 12th day of January, A. D. 1929, at ten o'clock a. m., the following matter will be heard and considered:
The application of John E. McConnell, executor of the last will and testament of William E. Potter, late of the city of La Crosse, in said county of La Crosse, deceased, for the adjustment, settlement and allowance of his final account as such executor and for the assignment of the residue of the estate of said deceased to such persons as are entitled to the same.

By order of the Court,
JOHN BRINDLEY,
County Judge.

WILL PROSECUTE FAMOUS EDITOR
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story about Mr. Charles P. Taft, for Joseph Pulitzer, editor and proprietor of the World. While the criminal offense of which Mr. Pulitzer has been guilty is in form a libel upon individuals, the great injury done is in blackening the good name of the American people. It should not be left to a private citizen to sue Mr. Pulitzer for libel. He should be prosecuted for libel by the governmental authorities. In point of encouragement of iniquity, in point of infamy, of wrong-doing, there is nothing to choose between a public servant who betrays his trust, a public servant who is guilty of blackmail or theft, or final dishonesty of any kind, and a man guilty as Mr. Joseph Pulitzer has been guilty in this instance. It is therefore a high national duty to bring to justice this villifier of the American people, this man who wantonly and wickedly, and without one shadow of justification, seeks to blacken the character of reputable private citizens, and connect the government of his country, in the eyes of the civilized world, of wrong doing of the basest and foulest kind when he has not one shadow of justification instance, evidently supposed that at some periods of the Panama purchase, Mr. W. H. Taft was secretary of war, as where in reality Mr. Taft never became secretary of war until long after the whole transaction in question had been closed. The inventor of the story about Mr. Robinson has not taken the trouble to find out the facts that Mr. Robinson had not the slightest connection, directly or indirectly, of any kind or sort, with any phase of the Panama transaction, from beginning to end.

A String of Infamous Libels.
"Now these stories as a matter of fact, need no investigation whatever. No shadow of proof has been, or can be produced in behalf of any of them. They consist only of a string of infamous libels. In form they are in part libels upon individuals, upon Mr. Taft and Mr. Robinson, for instance. But they are in fact wholly, and in form partly, a libel upon the United States government. I do not believe we should concern ourselves with the particular who wrote the lying and libelous editorials, or articles in the news columns. The real offender is Mr. Joseph Pulitzer. The attorney charge has under consideration the form in which the proceedings against Mr. Pulitzer shall be brought."

Gives History of Canal Purchase.
After referring to the various documents accompanying the message, including statements by former Attorney General Knox, who was the government's representative in the negotiations, and by William Nelson Cromwell, counsel for the new Panama canal company, the president gives a complete history of the acquisition of the government in connection with the purchase of the canal property, and continues:

"Payment of the purchase price was thereupon made to the new Panama canal company, in accordance with the act of the congress and the property was conveyed by the company to the United States. It was no concern of the president, or of any officer of the executive department, to inquire as to what the new Panama canal company did with the money which it received. As a matter of fact, the new Panama canal company did distribute the money between its shareholders and the shareholders of the preceding Panama canal company, in accordance with the decree of a French court, and the records of the French court show who were the shareholders who received the money, but that is no concern of ours."

American Co. Abandoned
"I call your attention to the accompanying statement as to the attempt to form an American company in 1899, for the purpose of taking over the property of the French company. This attempt proved abortive. There was no concealment in its efforts to put through this plan; its complete failure and abandonment being known to everyone."

"The Panama canal transaction was actually carried through, not by either the then secretary of state, Mr. John Hay, or the then secretary of war, Mr. Elihu Root, both of whom, however, were cognizant of all the essential features; but by the then attorney general, Mr. P. C. Knox, at present senator from Pennsylvania. I directed or approved every action and am responsible for all that was done in carrying out the will of congress, and the provisions of the law, enacted by congress, after exhaustive examination and discussion, were scrupulously complied with the executive."

French Company Legal Owner
"The title to the Panama canal property was vested in the new Panama canal company of France, which was the legal owner thereof, and the old or so-called De Lesseps company had a large equity therein. The title was not in a New Jersey company nor in any other American company, nor did this government have any dealings with any American company throughout the affair."

"The action of the United States government, of course, wholly unimpaired by, and had nothing whatever to do with any question as to who, or who had not been the security holders of either the new or the old company. Who such security holders were, was not our affair. If, as a matter of fact, the canal companies, either or both, had been owned by American citizens or by citizens of any other nationality, it would not have altered in the slightest degree the action taken by this government."

"I wish to make as clear as possible, and as emphatic as possible the statement that he did not have anything to do with the distribution of a dollar of the \$40,000,000 we paid, as regards any stockholder or bondholder of the French companies, save that we followed out the award of the arbitrators appointed in accordance with the decree of the French court, which has dealt with the subject, in awarding a certain proportion to the old company, and a certain proportion to the new company. Any question concerning the stockholders, bondholders or other beneficiaries of the proceeds of sale, was purely a question for the civil tribunal of the Seine, the French governmental body, with which this na

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COMPARATIVE MARKETS

These Quotations Show the General Trend of Prices for the Preceding Week.

LIVESTOCK YESTERDAY.
UNION STOCKYARDS, Dec. 14.
Cattle receipts, 32,000; estimated for tomorrow, 3,000; market 5 to 10c lower. Prime beefs, \$5.20 to \$5.70; poor to medium, \$3.40 to \$5.10; stockers and feeders, \$2.50 to \$4.60; cows and heifers, \$2.60 to \$4.75; canners, \$1.50 to \$2.60; Texans, \$3.30 to \$4.60.
Hogs—Receipts, 50,000; estimated for tomorrow, 30,000; market steady. Light, \$5.00 to \$5.65; rough, \$5.30 to \$5.50; mixed, \$5.25 to \$5.80; heavy, \$5.50 to \$5.80; pigs, \$3.80 to \$4.80.
Sheep—Receipts, \$45,000; estimated for tomorrow, 15,000; market 15 to 20c lower. Native sheep, \$2.75 to \$4.75; western sheep, \$2.90 to \$4.80; native lambs, \$4.50 to \$7.50; western lambs, \$4.75 to \$7.50.

LIVESTOCK A WEEK AGO.
UNION STOCK YARDS, Ill., Dec. 7.—Cattle receipts, 35,000; estimated for tomorrow, 7,000; market 10 to 15c lower. Prime beefs, \$5.25 to \$7.75; poor to medium, \$3.50 to \$5.15; stockers and feeders, \$2.50 to \$4.70; cows and heifers, \$2.75 to \$5.00; canners, \$1.75 to \$2.75; Texans, \$3.40 to \$4.70.
Hogs—Receipts, 75,000; estimated for tomorrow, 35,000. Market, 10 to 20 cents lower; light, \$5 to \$5.70; rough, \$5.25 to \$5.45; mixed, \$5.20 to \$5.85; heavy, \$5.50 to \$5.90; heavy, \$5.50 to \$5.90; pigs, \$3.60 to \$4.70.
Sheep—Receipts, 25,000; estimated for tomorrow, 25,000; market 10 to 25 cents lower; native sheep, \$2.75 to \$4.65; western sheep, \$2.85 to \$4.65; native lambs, \$4.10 to \$6.75; western lambs, \$4.10 to \$6.75.

GRAIN WHEAT
Yesterday, Week Ago.
Dec. 1.00% 1.04%
May 1.04% 1.08%
July 97% 1.01%
Dec. 57% 60%
May 61% 62%
July 61% 62%
Dec. 49% 49%
May 52% 52%
July 46% 47%

CORN
Yesterday, Week Ago.
Dec. 57% 60%
May 61% 62%
July 61% 62%
Dec. 49% 49%
May 52% 52%
July 46% 47%

OATS
Yesterday, Week Ago.
Dec. 49% 49%
May 52% 52%
July 46% 47%

CHICKEN SHOW
OPENS TOMORROW
The Western Wisconsin Poultry show will open tomorrow with about a thousand birds entered. The show promises to be the largest ever held here and the entries which are arriving in large numbers today will warrant the statement that some of the finest birds in this section of the country are entered in the show. The second ward school where the show is to be held, was a scene of much activity this morning and the vans brought box after box containing the different kinds of chickens that are to be exhibited.

It is sometimes hard for the man to be on the level and climb upward.

DAILY MARKETS

FOREIGN MARKETS

New York Stocks
NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Smelting was the most prominent at the opening and continued to exercise a depressing influence on the rest of the list but in no other quarter was there any marked weakness and after the first few sales the Standard issues drifted apart in the market movement from smelting and made moderate gains while American Smelting was sold at a further decline.

11 a. m.—Price movements throughout the hour were irregular. Stocks advanced and reacted at frequent intervals but generally held at higher levels than yesterday's closing. London sold about 10,000 shares on balance, mostly Union Pacific and Steel common. Government bonds unchanged; others firm.

Noon.—At midday after violent fluctuations the market ruled generally half to around one point below yesterday's closing with the important railroad issues like St. Paul and Union Pacific showing the greatest amount of loss. For a good part of the forenoon all the trading element on the floor was committed to the bear side and joined in efforts to force further declines in the expectation of reaching stop selling orders, but contrary to the usual rule buying orders on declines were reached instead.

The market closed strong.

Chicago Livestock.
UNION STOCK YARDS, Ill., Dec. 15.—Cattle—Receipts, 6,000; estimated for tomorrow, 25,000; market steady. Prime beefs, \$5.20 to 7.70; poor to medium, \$3.40 to \$5.10; stockers and feeders, \$2.50 to \$4.60; cows and heifers, \$2.60 to \$4.75; canners, \$1.50 to \$2.60; Texans, \$3.30 to \$4.60.
Hogs—Receipts, 31,000; estimated for tomorrow, 40,000; market steady. Light, \$5 to \$5.65; rough, \$5.20 to \$5.40; mixed, \$5.25 to \$5.80; heavy, \$5.50 to \$5.80; pigs, \$3.80 to \$4.80.
Sheep—Receipts, 20,000; estimated for tomorrow, 17,000; market steady. Native sheep, \$2.75 to \$4.50; western sheep, \$2.90 to \$4.80; native lambs, \$4.50 to \$7.50; western lambs, \$4.75 to \$7.50.

Chicago Grain
CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 15.—The wheat market was rather a waiting affair today. The tendency much of the morning was firmer as the shorts were disposed to act with caution. Renewed selling pressure started late in the day and values again reacted. The early low point late was reached.

Wheat—Dec. sold between 99 1/4 and \$1.00 1/4; opening at 99 1/4 and closing 1.00 1/4.
May, between 1.04 3/8 and \$1.05 3/8; opening \$1.04 1/2; closing \$1.05 1/8.
July, between 97 and 98c; opening 97 1/8; closing 97 3/4.
Corn—Dec. sold between 57 1/2 and 58c; opening 57 1/2; closing 57 3/4.
May, between 61 3/8 and 62c; opening 61 3/8; closing 61 1/2.
July, between 61 3/8 and 62c; opening 61 1/2; closing 61 3/8.
Oats—Dec. sold between 49 7/8 and 50 3/8; opening 50 1/4; closing 49 7/8.
May, between 52 and 52 3/4; opening at 52 1/4 and closing at 52 1/4.
July, between 47 and 47 5/8; opening 47 3/8; closing 47 1/8.
Pork—Jan. sold between \$15.67 and \$15.75; opening \$15.70; closing \$15.72.
May, between \$16.02 and \$16.12; opening \$16.05; closing \$16.07.
Lard—Jan. sold between \$9.12 and \$9.15; opening, \$9.15; closing \$9.12.
May, between \$9.35 and \$9.40; opening \$9.40; closing \$9.37.
Ribs—Jan. sold between \$8.15 and \$8.20; opening \$8.15; closing \$8.17.
May, between \$8.42 and \$8.50; opening \$8.45; closing \$8.47.

Chicago Produce.
CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—Eggs—Extras, 36c; prime firsts, 33c; firsts, 32c; seconds, 17 to 18c.
Butter—Extras in creamery, 30c; firsts, 25c; seconds, 22c; dairies, 25c.
Cheese—Brick, 11 to 14c; Young Americas, 14 1/2-20.
Poultry—Live turkeys, 14; chickens, 9c; springs, 10 1/2-20; ducks, 9c; geese, per dozen \$5 to \$7.
Dressed turkeys, 15 to 18c; chickens, 6 to 10c; springs, 11c; ducks, 8 to 12c; geese, 6 to 9c.

Kansas City Livestock.
KANSAS CITY, Dec. 15.—Cattle—Receipts, 11,000 head, including 300 southern; market steady. Native steers, \$4.50 to \$7.50; southern steers, \$3.50 to \$5.85; southern cows, \$2.25 to \$4; native cows and heifers, \$2 to \$5.75; stockers and feeders, \$3 to \$5; bulls, \$2.40 to \$4; calves, \$3.50 to \$7; western steers, \$3.60 to \$5.50; western cows, \$2.50 to \$4.50.
Hogs—Receipts, 20,000 head; market steady; bulk of sales, \$5 to \$5.60; heavy, \$5.55 to \$5.75; packers and butchers, \$5.30 to \$5.65; light, \$5 to \$5.40; pigs, \$4 to \$5.
Sheep—Receipts, 8,000 head; market steady; muttons, \$4 to \$5; lambs, \$5 to \$7.25; range wethers, \$4 to \$6; fed ewes, \$2.75 to \$4.50.

Treasury Statement
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 15.—Treasury statement: Receipts \$1,025,827; expenditures, \$1,730,000.

Money.
NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Money on call, 3% to 3 1/2 per cent; time money, 3% per cent for six months. London bar silver, 22 1/2 pence; demand sterling, 4.86 5/8 to 4.86 9/8.

MARKETS STILL CONTINUE QUIET

NO CHANGES NOTED IN PRICES TODAY

QUOTATIONS REMAIN SAME

Local Market Is Stationary—This Morning, No Changes Being Noted Over Yesterday's Prices

The local markets continue quiet today, no changes being noted in the quotations.

Fruits.
(Quoted by J. C. Burns.)
N. Y. apples, bbl. \$4.00
New York Greenings, bbl. \$3.50
Washington box apples \$1.75
Cranberries, bbl. \$12.00
Chestnuts, per lb. 10c
Lemons, 360 size \$3.75
Cabbages, doz. 60c
Potatoes, bushel 70c
Winter Nellis pears, box \$2.75
Florida oranges, 200, 216 box \$2.75
California navel \$3.25
Celery, Michigan, 10 doz case \$1.50
Sweet potatoes, bbl. \$5.00
Hickory nuts, bu. \$2.00
Onions, red globe, per bu. 65c
Figs, Cal., 12 pkgs. 85c
Dates Hallowell, 60 lb. box, lb. 6 1/2
Oysters, per gallon \$1.00
Flour and Feed.
(Quoted by the Listman Milling Co.)
Flour.
Patent, per barrel \$5.40
Straight, per barrel \$5.20
Bran, per ton \$31.00
Shorts, per ton \$22.00
White middlings, per ton \$24.00
Red Dog, per ton \$26.00
(Prices do not include sacks.)
Cheese.
(Quoted by Ice Cream & Butter Co.)
Full Cream Twins 14@15c
Full Cream Daisies 14@15c
Full Cream Young Americas 15c
Full Cream Long Horns 15c
Full Cream, 10 lb. print 15c
Full Cream Brick 14@15c
Full Cream Limberger 15c
Full Cream Block Swiss 15c
to a box, weighing 25-35 lbs. 15c
Creamery butter 31c
Cream.
(Quoted by Thomas & Phelan.)
Wheat 85@90c
Rye 62@64c
Barley 55@57c
Oats 43@45c
Corn, new 55c
Livestock.
(By Langdon-Boyd Packing Co.)
Hogs \$4.00 to \$5.00
Steers \$2.50 to \$3.50
Heifers \$2.00 to \$2.75
Cows \$1.50 to \$2.50
Lams \$3.00 to \$4.00
Sheep \$2.00 to \$3.00
Poultry.
Old chickens 6c
Spring chickens, lb 9c
Turkeys, pound 12@14c
Ducks 8c
Geese 7c
Provisions.
Lard, per lb. 12 1/2@13c
Hams 12 1/2@13c
Shoulders 9c
Bacon 14@15c
Dry Beef 20@22c
Butter and Eggs.
(Quoted by Hawkey Com. Co.)
Creamery, per pound 30@32c
Dairy, per pound 26@28c
Eggs, fresh, dozen 35c
Eggs, storage 30c
Eggs, seconds 25c
May and Wood.
(Quoted by City Scales.)
Hay, wild, per ton \$6.00 to \$7.00
Second growth oak \$6.00
Bottom wood, cord \$6.00
Hay, tame, per ton \$8@9c
Pine wood \$5.50
Dry wood cord \$6.00
Old oak \$5.00 to \$6.50
Retail.
Flour.
(Quoted by Listman Milling Co.)
Patent, per 1-4 bbl. sack \$1.50
Straight, per 1-4 bbl. sack \$1.55
Rye 62@64c
Barley 55@57c
Oats 43@45c
Corn, new 55c
Livestock.
(Quoted by A. E. Mail.)
Hubbard squash 10@75c
Pickling onions, qt. 15c
Eggs, strictly fresh 35c
Creamery butter, per lb. 30@32c
Dairy, lb. 30@32c
Parsley, per bunch 5c
New cabbage, each 5c
Potatoes, per bushel 75c
Carrots, per peck 15c
Wax beans, lb. 15c
Green beans, lb. 15c
Beets, per peck 15c
Lettuce, 2 bunches for 5c
Green peppers, dozen 30c
Turnips, peck 15c
Catawba grapes, lb. 25c
Jones' Breakfast Sausage, lb. 20c
Tokay grapes, lb. 12 1/2c
Oyster plant, bunch 5c
Fresh mushrooms 75c
Pineapples, each 25c
Egg plant, each 10c
Head lettuce 10@12 1/2c
Brussels sprouts, bunch 3c
Shallots, bunch 3c
Cauliflowers 15@25c
Malaga grapes, lb. 30c
Apples, peck 30@45c
Oranges, dozen 30@45c
Bananas, dozen 20c
Grape fruit, each 10c
Lemons, doz. 20@25c
Cucumbers, each 12 1/2@15c
Fish.
(Quoted by H. M. Mager.)
Pickled 3c
Pike, pound 15c
White 15c
Trout, pound 15c
Herring 4@5c
Halibut 15c
Salmon 15c
It's queer that well water makes some people ill.

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NO LETTERS SENT WITH RED STAMPS

Postmaster Tscherner has secured permission from the postoffice department to let the Red Cross stamp association sell the stamps in the lobby of the post office. Postmaster Tscherner denied that a number of local people had been sending letters with merely the Red Cross stamps on them thinking that they were beating the government out of a cent for postage. This story has been circulated about town and while it is a joke it is untrue, he says.

1 CENT RED CROSS STAMPS AT ALL CASHIERS' DESKS 1 CENT

GRAND CHRISTMAS EXPOSITION WEEK AT DOERFLINGER'S

FURNITURE, RUGS AND PRETTY PICTURES MAKE WELCOME XMAS GIFTS---3rd Floor.

BUY PRACTICAL AND USEFUL IN PRESENTS---WHAT COULD BE BETTER CHOSEN THAN FURNITURE, RUGS OR PICTURES FOR THE "HOME BEAUTIFUL?"



Morris Chairs

Just a reminder of what may be had for little money from now until Xmas in the Furniture Salons on 2d floor. Such things as will make a good sensible Xmas present for any or all the members of the family, a gift appreciated all the year thru.

A large solid Oak Frame Morris Chair with any color cushion, made of velour in block design, special at \$4.95

Pictures For Gifts

This surely is headquarters for handsome Pictures and for high grade work as well as the cheapest picture framing. A large new line of novelties in pictures and calendars.

It will pay you to give us a look. Bring your pictures for Xmas to be framed, early. Our work guaranteed

Wednesday Grocery Specials

RAISINS—Cleaned Sultaninas, 16 oz. pkg. for 10c
CITRON—Fancy candied, per lb. 17c
CURRANTS—Fancy cleaned, bulk, per lb. 9c
ORANGE OR LEMON PEEL—Per lb. 14c



Oak Rockers

A large spring seat solid Oak Rocker, seat upholstered in imitation leatherette for \$4.95

Arm Rockers

A large Arm Rocker, in golden elm, solid wood seat, fancy spindle back, special at \$1.45

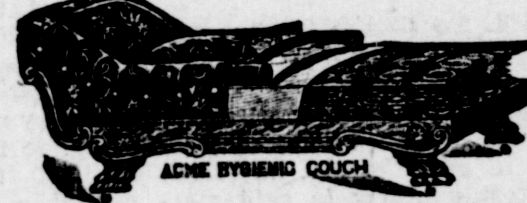


Oak Diners

A solid Oak Diner with quartersawed seat and back, long post and brace arm, for \$1.45

Don't forget that we are agents for the "Macy Sectional Book Cases," for the "Hoosier" Kitchen Cabinets, for the Burrows Card Tables, for the Bissel Carpet Sweepers, etc.

Acme Hygienic Couches



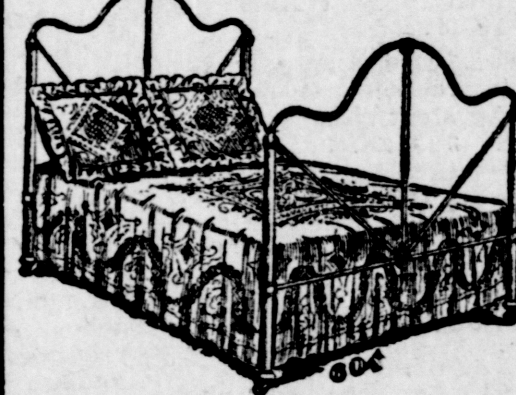
There is no limit to the bargains we can give you in Couches. We buy only the best makes and sell them at less prices as "sweat shop" goods are sold.

A couch with full steel construction and full amount of springs, good velour coverings and solid oak frames for \$7.85

We have them with any grade of covering desired, car plush, crushed plush, or leather.

A few numbers, upholstered with genuine leather and full size and steel construction for \$16.45

Drop end Davenport Couches, the best only, crushed plush coverings and first class throughout, for \$22.45



Iron Beds

Iron Beds of all sizes, with spring mattress, all complete for \$1.48

Felt Mattresses

Full Felt Mattresses, with 6-inch box and best grade of ticking full 40 pounds for \$8.00



Oak Dressers

Golden Oak Dressers, finished in a beautiful Empire oak, with bevel edge, French plate glass \$8.45

Turkish Rockers of all descriptions, all genuine leather upholstered, with wood or steel frame, and of the best hair filling. We have some in real leather as low as \$16.85

A very large line of all kinds of Dressers, mahogany, oak, maple or any other wood, a line of about 60 styles, enough to suit everybody.

One style like out, with swell top drawer and bevel edge mirror and a beautiful finish, for \$7.90

Other styles proportionately cheap. Such as a full quarter sawed oak, with full swell front and large mirror, for \$13.48



Reed Rockers \$3.45

Every one made right here in town and the best ever, about 20 just like cut, for each \$3.45

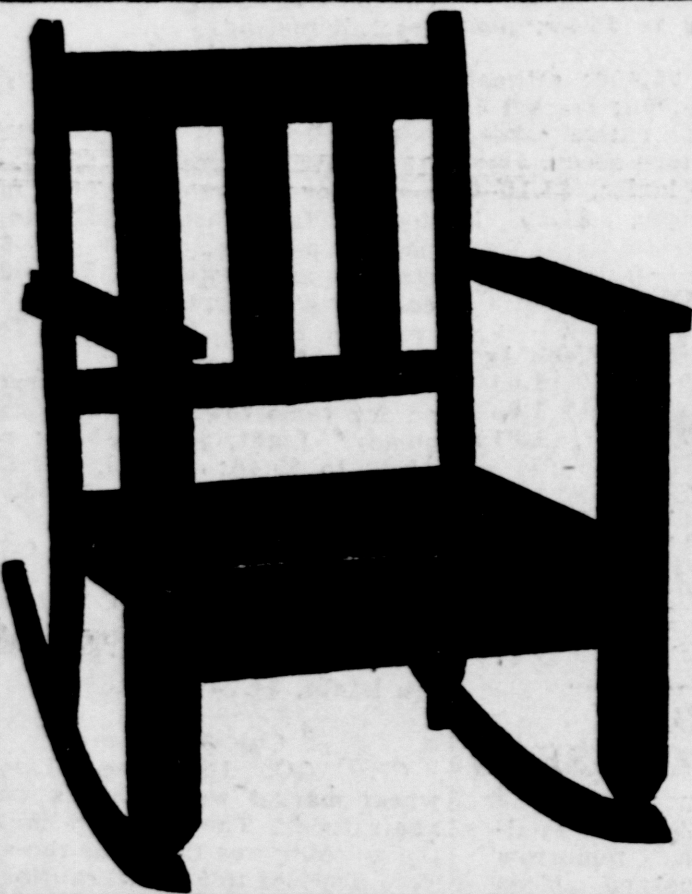
Guaranteed Best Reed.

CANDY SPECIAL 8 3/4 c

Main Floor.

BROKEN TAFFY MIXTURE.

Broken Taffy, the kind mother used to make. Absolutely pure and wholesome. Specially priced for the holidays at the pound only 8c



This Great, Luxurious \$4

ROCKER

\$1.98

Third floor. We offer as a special pre-Christmas feature, a lot of large handsome, massive built Arm Rockers, in solid oak, Golden or Early English finish, seat upholstered in heavy leatherette; a splendid \$4 value, special for a few days only, and but one sold to a customer \$1.98

\$1.00 Table Linens 77c

THIS COUPON AND 77c

will purchase any of our regular \$1.00 grade of table linens on Wednesday only. You may choose from our entire stock of splendid table linens—the best \$1.00 values in the city—tomorrow only, at the yard—provided you bring this coupon 77c

\$1.00 Table Linens 77c

\$1.00 Kabo Corsets

SPECIAL TOMORROW TO CLOSE AT

77c

First Floor Corset Department

We shall offer our lady patrons in the Corset Salons, choice from a lot of Kabo Corsets, 14 numbers to select from, all popular stylish models—you'll probably find among them your favorite corset; every one a dollar value. Special for Wednesday only, to close—at 77c



SALAD BOWLS, JARDINIERS AND LEMONADE SETS AT SPECIAL PRICES



Salad Bowls

Salad Bowls—9 inch rose decorations, actual value 50c, at 25c



Lemonade Sets—Sparkling polished glass, green, blue and crystal polka dot pattern sets, consists of 6 eight oz. tumblers, one 1/2 gallon jug and 14 inch tray. Regular \$1.00 value at per set 69c



Jardiniers

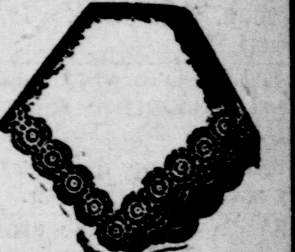
Jardiniers—Choice of 7 and 8 glazed jardiniers, 75c values. Special at 43c

25c Kerchiefs

19c

A Great "Hourly Sale" of Handkerchiefs, 9 A. M. to 12 M. Wednesday Only.

During the above hours tomorrow, in the forenoon only, we will give full and free choice of our entire stock of Handkerchiefs, which regularly sell at 25c, at a reduction of about 1-4; a great chance to supply yourself with the handkerchiefs so much needed at Christmas time. Come, choose as you will from our immense stock of beautiful, dainty handkerchiefs, in all linen, hemstitched, plain, lace and embroidered effects, the best 25c values in town, tomorrow from 9 to 12 o'clock—in the forenoon hours only, at 19c



WILL PROSECUTE FAMOUS EDITOR

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tion had nothing whatever to do.

Submits Documentary Proof
"All of these documents I herewith transmit as a part of this message. It appears from them that the creditors of the old company number 226,296. Parties who have received dividends out of the funds in the hands of the liquidator, who, in his letter, states that in this present month of December, the second and last distribution to the creditors will be begun, and that the average dividend heretofore paid to each individual was 782 francs, or \$156. No payment whatever was, or will be made upon the stock of the old company, as it was worthless from the day De Lesseps failed and this case out from consideration all misleading statements regarding a possible purchase by anybody of the stock of the old Panama Canal company. It has not received, and will not receive a penny.
"Recently a request was made by a private individual to inspect the

records of these payments, but answer was made by the custodians that they saw no proper reason for granting such request by a stranger, inasmuch as there is not the slightest ground for suspicion of any bad faith in the transaction, it hardly seems worthwhile to make the request; but if the congress desires, I have no doubt that on the request of our ambassador in Paris, the list of individuals would be shown him.

"I transmit herewith lists of one documents in the possession of the department of state, the department of justice and the department of war so that, if the congress sees fit, it may direct that they be printed. They are, and always have been, open to the examination of any member of congress. There is no object in printing them but there is also no objection to printing them, save that it is useless expense.

(Signed)
THEODORE ROOSEVELT."

SUICIDE KILLS OTHERS

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—One man was found dead today and two other persons dying as the result of the determination of A. Birnstein, 22 years

of age, a painter, to end his life. He succeeded, but in turning on the gas to do so he asphyxiated Mrs. Sarah Feinberg, 78, and her son Eugene, 21, with whom he lived.

CRYSTAL VALLEY

C. Burfield attended the funeral of Mrs. Feilen of Sweet Bolton Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Deegan visited at Wm. Kelley's Sunday.

Mrs. Stork visited William Dorrings early Wednesday morning and left to their surprise a baby boy.

Dr. F. E. Murphy was a caller on the ridge Wednesday morning.

Mr. K. Hegland attended the funeral at Houston Monday.

C. S. Kelly of Union Ridge was a caller in the valley Saturday.

Julius Lee was a pleasant caller at M. Cunningham.

Mr. M. Burfield of Sheldon is spending a few days with his mother, Mrs. W. Burfield, of the valley.

T. T. Lee returned home Saturday from South Ridge.

Jergen Jergenson was a caller at Houston Saturday.

Our school will close Friday for a vacation of two weeks. The boys and girls are all planning on the fine time they shall have during their vacation.

Thomas Murry made a business trip to La Crosse Saturday morning.

Misses Clara Jensen and Josephine Runnison were callers at Houston Saturday. They returned home in the moonlight.

Aug. Dittman was a valley caller Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. K. Hegland entertained Prof. C. W. Burfield Sunday. He returned home Sunday evening.

James Murry has announced that he has purchased 40 acres of fine land from Thos. Buckley. The land joins Jim's farm and he expects to have the wood cleared off this winter. Consideration \$450.

TEXAS WENT DEMOCRATIC

DALLAS, Texas, Dec. 15.—The official canvass of the Texas vote in the recent election, completed today, shows Bryan carried the state by 158,035 while Gov. Campbell's plurality was 147,630.

MINERS DITCH LEWIS.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Dec. 15.—Enough returns have been received by the Illinois Miners at their headquarters here to indicate plainly the election of John H. Walker of this state as national president over Tom L. Lewis, of Ohio.

HANSBROUGH IN EXTREMIS

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 15.—United States Senator H. C. Hansbrough, who was operated on Friday for mastoiditis, is in a serious condition today, with his temperature higher and his pulse more rapid than at any other time since the operation.

ANOTHER "PRESIDENT TAFT"

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Mrs. Wm. Howard Taft today was elected honorary national chairman of the woman's department of the National Civil federation, in session in the hotel Astor.



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that broken down tooth. The best 22k gold crown this week for \$5, warranted for 10 years. All work done without pain.

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